



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, December 6, 2022

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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### **AUDIO ISSUES START AT 20:26**

#### **PUBLIC WORKS COUNCIL 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**

**Present** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent** 1 - Charles Coleman

#### **4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver presented outgoing Councilmember Charles Frierson III with a key to the city while his extended family was in attendance. Mayor Copenhaver stated, listing all of Councilmember Frierson's accomplishments and contributions to the City of Jonesboro would be an exhausting list, but perhaps his most significant contribution is that he has truly set an example of what we should all aspire to be: courteous, confident, honorable, dedicated and generous. Councilmember Frierson was thanked for his lifetime of service to this community.*

#### **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

**A motion was made by Councilperson John Street, seconded by Councilperson LJ Bryant, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED**

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

[MIN-22:102](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON NOVEMBER 15, 2022

**Attachments:** [CC Minutes 11152022](#)

**A motion was made that this Minutes be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

[RES-22:223](#)

RESOLUTION TO AMEND RESOLUTION 22:192 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO LEVY A 1 MILL TAX ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY FOR THE PUBLIC LIBRARY PURSUANT TO THE VOTE OF THE CITIZENS

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-212-2022

[RES-22:224](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3509 AGGIE ROAD, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144164-00400, OWNED BY EUGENIA HARRELL

**Attachments:** [3509 Aggie](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 3509 Aggie](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 3509 Aggie](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-213-2022

[RES-22:226](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1328 W HUNTINGTON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143133-18100, OWNED BY DKI LLC

**Attachments:** [1328 Huntington](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1328 W Huntington](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 1328 W Huntington](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-214-2022

[RES-22:227](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1208 NETTLETON CIRCLE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143241-33400, OWNED BY IVORY MCDANIEL

**Attachments:** [1208 Nettleton Circle](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1208 Nettleton](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 1208 Nettleton Circle](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-215-2022

[RES-22:228](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1000 WIN BROOK, JONESBORO, AR 72404, PARCEL 01-143364-05200, OWNED BY SANRY JOHNSON

**Attachments:** [1000 Win Brook](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 1000 Win Brook](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 1000 Win Brook](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-216-2022

[RES-22:229](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 311 OLIVE, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-143134-24700, OWNED BY KHAN ADNAN

**Attachments:** [311 Olive](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 311 Olive](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 311 Olive St](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-217-2022

[RES-22:230](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 205 MAURITA ST., JONESBORO, AR 72403, PARCEL 01-143103-09000, OWNED BY JOHN W WEST

**Attachments:** [205 Maurita](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 205 Maurita](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 205 Maurita](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-218-2022

[RES-22:231](#) RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, TO PLACE A MUNICIPAL LIEN ON PROPERTY LOCATED AT 115 W GORDON, JONESBORO, AR 72401, PARCEL 01-144182-14500, OWNED BY SHIRLEY SIMMONS

**Attachments:** [115 W Gordon](#)  
[Affidavit of Statutory Lien 115 W Gordon](#)  
[Council Notice Letter 115 W Gordon](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-219-2022

[RES-22:232](#) RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS GRANTS

AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL, FY2022 CLOSING THE GAP WITH SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH ACCELERATOR PLAN (CDC-RFA-DP22-2210) GRANT

**Attachments:** [City of Jonesboro NOA](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-220-2022

[RES-22:233](#)

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT CARRYOVER FUND FOR 2022 FOR BUDGETED PROJECTS REMAINING IN PROCESS AT YEAR END 2022

**Attachments:** [2022 Capital Improvement Carryover Fund](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-221-2022

[RES-22:235](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE THE PURCHASE OF A UTILITY VAN FOR THE JONESBORO PARKS DEPARTMENT

**Attachments:** [image0](#)

**A motion was made that this Resolution be Passed . The motion PASSED BY VOICE VOTE**

Enactment No: R-EN-222-2022

*RESOLUTIONS TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING*

[RES-22:234](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF RIGHT-OF-WAY ALONG UNDEVELOPED HARLAN COVE LOCATED NORTH OF JONATHON DRIVE IN JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AS REQUESTED BY FISHER & ARNOLD, INC.

**Attachments:** [Resolution](#)  
[Ordinance](#)  
[Adjacent Property Owner Notification](#)  
[Petition](#)  
[Utility Letters](#)  
[Plat](#)  
[Opinion Letter](#)

**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:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-223-2022

[RES-22:236](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A UTILITY EASEMENT AND A DRAINAGE EASEMENT LOCATED WITHIN LOTS 1 AND 2 OF THE CAVENAUGH AUTO GROUP MINOR PLAT IN JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AS REQUESTED BY CAVENAUGH PROPERTIES, LLC.

**Attachments:**     [petition](#)  
                          [Letters Drainage Easement](#)  
                          [Letters Utility Easement](#)  
                          [CWL Letter 12012022](#)  
                          [Revised Ordinance 12022022](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: R-EN-224-2022

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

[ORD-22:048](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR RIVERFRONT ASSOCIATION

**Attachments:**     [Riverfront Private Club Permit Application\\_Redacted](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Moore, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-22:048 by title only. All voted aye.*

*Patti Lack, 4108 Forest Hill Road, said, what I would like to say to all of you is that I don't have a problem with having the alcohol permits, but I think we have gotten away from announcing who these clubs or who these businesses are listing as their non-profit group that they are going to be donating to. I think the last couple of ones that we passed, is that we have not heard who the non-profit group was or is. I think the one that was not approved that was going to go on Highland, we actually had the girl come and talk about who the non-profit or she was the non-profit. But, I hope we can get back to when we have an ordinance like this to have an alcohol permit that we at least state who the non-profit group is and maybe they can be here and tell us what that money is going to go for. I think it is really important to the people to know what we do. And, since we need to do it, I think it would be good to start at the beginning of the year and with this one too. I know that there is one on the third reading, an approval, and I don't know if we have known who the non-profit group is for that one too. So, I hope that we can find that one out tonight. So, thank you. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.*

Held at one reading

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

*ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING*

[ORD-22:046](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, ARTICLE III, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM I-1 LUO LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, LIMITED OVERLAY DISTRICT TO C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5307 E. HIGHLAND DRIVE, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY SAI REAL ESTATE, LLC.

- Attachments:**    [Updated Application](#)  
                               [Staff Summary - C.C.](#)  
                               [Rezoning Plat](#)  
                               [Certified Mail Receipts](#)  
                               [Receipt](#)

Held at second reading

*ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING*

[ORD-22:042](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES, FROM R-1 TO RM-8 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1601 GRANGER AS REQUESTED BY WILLIAM CONRAD

- Attachments:**    [Staff Summary - C.C.](#)  
                               [Plat](#)  
                               [application](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-049-2022

[ORD-22:043](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR UNDEFEATED, INC., D/B/A LA CASCADA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND GRILL OF JONESBORO, INC. TO BE LOCATED AT 5510 SOUTHWEST DRIVE, JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

- Attachments:**    [La Cascada Mexican Restaurant & Grill Redacted](#)

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

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-050-2022

[ORD-22:045](#)

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 A BOND PURCHASE AGREEMENT AND A PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION THEREWITH; TO AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF A TRUST INDENTURE 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; TO DECLARE AND EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**Attachments:**     [Bond Purchase Agreement \(Camfil 2022\)](#)  
[RNDA \(Camfil 2022\)](#)  
[Trust Indenture \(Camfil 2022\)](#)  
[Lease Agreement \(Camfil 2022\)](#)  
[PILOT Agreement \(Camfil 2022\)](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Joe Hafner, to adopt the emergency clause. The roll call vote was: AYE - Street, Johnson, Bryant, Hafner, Speer, McClain, Gibson, Williams, Moore, Emison, Frierson. The emergency clause passed.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

Enactment No: O-EN-051-2022

## **8. MAYOR'S REPORTS**

*Mayor Harold Copenhaver reported on the following:*

*Of course, Christmas at the Park drive thru is two weeks into a fabulous season. I want to thank our Parks staff, our Downtown Jonesboro Alliance and all of the generous volunteers who make all of these events possible. The joy of the season is truly being felt in Jonesboro in December these days. Activities downtown are open through 8:30 p.m. on weeknights through Christmas and until 9:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.*

*I attended another wonderful event and touching parade last week at the Human*

*Development Center with a lot of kind volunteers. Our Police and Fire Departments and charitable organizations worked with resource center leadership to make a special parade for the center's residents. Their hearts touched all of our hearts.*

*If you haven't finished your shopping, by the way, most of haven't, remember the value of shopping local. Our business owners in town are a key part of what makes our community so special. Let's support them together. Here is one of the examples of why we need to support local businesses. I would like to thank the wonderful folks at Hijinx. They donated pallets full of cleaning products to Animal Control, who just passed a milestone of 2,000 volunteer hours from community members this year. Speaking of Christmas presents, we still have more animals than we can service at Animal Control. So, go see if we have that perfect addition for your family just in time for the holiday season.*

*I was invited to light the Christmas tree at St. Bernards last week and I want to take a moment to remember all who are ill and their loved ones at their sides at this time of year. Of course, we can't express enough of our appreciation for our first responders, hospital staff, and everyone working to serve others at this time. Your work is priceless.*

*The Mayor's City Youth Advisory Council hosted their Christmas party this weekend and thank you to those who came by and for the joy and the festivities and the staff that took time out of their day to come meet with these wonderful young men and women. And, I must say that we had a first floor full of families, parents, grandparents all supporting their youth as they continue to learn about our community.*

*We achieved another landmark with a groundbreaking yesterday of a bike trail that will connect Arkansas State University to downtown. Like the fiber partnership with Ritter, we announced this last month. This has been a priority since my administration took office. It takes time to acquire rights-of-way and make the trail shovel ready. But, all of that is done now and I am eager to get more trail going through our city.*

*Our early roll-off dumpster cleanups have proven successful. Code Enforcement, Sanitation, JPD, and Street Departments will continue these as long as they are productive in helping people clean up their homes and their yards. This past weekend, we filled up two roll-off dumpsters with a knuckleboom and disposed of more than 40 tires during a setup at Fox Meadow Elementary. We will announce the next dates locally. I might add to that, that was in a four hour timeframe.*

*As you may have heard, we were successful in landing a sizeable grant for the police safety equipment from the State of Arkansas. This comes at a great time of need. This is a \$100,000 grant that will be used to further the growing technology emphasis in public safety.*

*This morning, our friends at First Security Bank, helped us surprise one of our newest employee of the month. Congratulations go to Assistant City Attorney Heather Owens. I think she was truly surprised. She has seen her workload increase dramatically and as the District Court demands have grown as well. So, I want to say thank you to Heather for all the hard work she has done and we look forward to getting her some more help soon.*

*One more significant act of kindness and partnership, I want to mention took part last week. U.S. Congressman Rick Crawford stopped by office and we visited for quite a while. He gave the City of Jonesboro a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capitol. I want to say thank you to our Congressman for his continued services to Jonesboro.*



**9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember John Street said, I don't know if you were aware that City Water and Light got a \$5 million grant to use towards wastewater treatment. That was an excellent grant that benefits every citizen in Jonesboro. That money will go towards making all of our utilities a little bit cheaper. So, congratulations to the staff and grant writers at CWL for that. Mayor Copenhaver said, I would also like to add to that the importance of City Water and Light. As we adopted the trail yesterday, they have already started moving the utility poles and without that behind the scenes, people don't see that, but we certainly appreciate it.*

*Councilmember LJ Bryant said, I will just make a brief comment. I know the Mayor has wanted us to email in our questions and I have emailed some questions about eight days ago that I haven't heard back on. So, if we could just kind of work on the communication between us and your folks, that would be great. Mayor Copenhaver said, we have got them ready. They are on my desk. Councilmember Bryant said, okay, thank you.*

*Councilmember Joe Hafner said, we have a working session to go through the budget on Friday beginning at 2:30 p.m. here in council chambers. No action will be taken at that meeting. It will just be a question and answer information session. Obviously, the Finance Committee is going to be kind of the ones there, but anybody on the council that wants to come is more than welcome to come. Like I said, no action will be taken. It is just more of an information session to learn about the Mayor's budget and asking a few questions and comments and stuff.*

*Councilmember David McClain said, one thing, tonight is still election day. And, for anyone that has not voted, you still have time to vote until 7:30 p.m.*

*Councilmember Ann Williams said, I wanted to check and see if there was any update on the RFQ for the Impact Fees Study. We had a new RFQ being drafted I think. Mayor Copenhaver said, Ann, I will get that back to you. I am not aware of the update at this point, but I will get back with you first thing in the morning. Councilmember Williams asked, we are getting an updated RFQ right? Mayor Copenhaver said, yes. Councilmember Williams asked, have we heard anything from ARDOT about the pedestrian crossing at State Street? Mayor Copenhaver stated, no ma'am, not at this point. We were in conversations with them two weeks ago when we had that and as you well know, it takes a little bit of lengthy time with Brad. Councilmember Williams said, oh, I know. Mayor Copenhaver said, Brad was actually in my office this past week with discussion of many projects that we are working on, but yes, that is on the agenda. Councilmember Williams said, okay, good deal.*

*Councilmember Chris Moore said, I just wanted to echo the Mayor's comments. I was downtown at the Christmas Parade and at Joy Fest. It was quite a crowd. I think the parade may have been the largest that we have had in several years. Downtown was looking good. Lights were all up and people were excited. Mayor Copenhaver said, it was good. Councilmember Moore said, the only thing that I wanted to mention that we might look into is at the corner of Washington and Union, the street lights didn't work from there down towards the Shadrach's Coffee. It was awful dark in that area. So, if you don't mind, have City Water and Light check that out. Mayor Copenhaver said, okay, absolutely, yes sir. Councilmember Moore said, thank you Mayor. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you.*

Councilmember Brian Emison said, I just had two things that I wanted to bring up. I want to echo Councilmember McClain that you have until 7:30 p.m. to go out and vote tonight and the closest precinct to you right now is the Earl Bell Community Center. It is down there on Church. So, swing by on your way home if you haven't voted yet. The only other thing that I have is that recently I was contacted by a citizen that lives out in Barrington Park. They had said with some new construction that had gone on at the intersection of Weldon Lane and Annadale Drive, that there has been some increased traffic there and they thought that a stop sign might help. There has been a couple of almost accidents there in the last week or so. So, if we could look into that, I would appreciate it. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you Councilman.

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Jason Rufkhar, 710 W. Cherry, said, I live right down the street from the Public Library. Where I live is directly across the street from CWL Park and I mean directly across the street from City Water and Light Park. The topic I want to touch on tonight is the park sits here and my apartment sits here and there is always kids and adults over there playing basketball. And, just here recently, the Parks and Rec Department went over there and put in two, like, one of them is like an exercise type equipment thing, and the other was a jungle gym type of thing. And, they are directly right there by the road. When they did that, they peeled back the green fencing. Before they did that, I thought they were putting up a JETS bus stop. That is what me and my neighbor lady thought. So, I went over there and talked to him when he was over there and I asked him what are you doing and he told me what they were doing. But, when they had the fenced peeled back, I asked him because it was a Parks and Recreation guy, is there a way that you can take this fence and you can extend it all the way down to the road and maybe bring the other one up there. And, I told him, here's why, because those kids get out there, I don't care what time of day it is, and they will play ball. I said, the next thing you know, the basketball hits the rim and shoots off into the road and here I come to the stop sign or wherever, it could be me or it could be anybody, and they start darting out in front of the road just like a dog and you don't see them. If you are paying attention to here or here, here comes somebody. This just happened before I came up here. I have got my eye on the road and here comes a guy in a white t-shirt out here chasing a ball and I had to slam on my brakes. So, what I want is for you to extend the fence to the road so that way it is kind of like a playground. You shoot the ball. It is there and it goes over here and stops at the fence. It is as simple as that and nobody has to worry about getting hit or anything like that. Mayor Copenhaver said, alright, well, Jason, thank you for your comments. We will look into it Jason. Thank you. Mr. Rufkhar said, because when I talked with the guy he said we would have to look for funding. And, I said, well, you can look for funding or you can look for a dead body on the road because people run up and down that street all of the time. There is actually tire marks from where they burn out and everything. I am just trying to be nice saving you guys from seeing somebody else get hit. Mayor Copenhaver stated, I hear what you are saying. Danny, would you like to add a few comments to that? I appreciate that Jason. Parks and Recreation Director Danny Kapales said, as always, my office is open if anybody wants to ask questions about Parks and about what activities we are doing there. We did peel that back to put in the workout equipment. If you will notice through that area, we actually have sleeves in the ground. We are going to extend the fence all the way down to the corner of the parking lot there. Mr. Rufkhar said, cool. Mr. Kapales said, this should stop the balls from going as far as the road. Mr. Rufkhar said, cool, problem solved. Mayor Copenhaver said, thanks Danny.

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this meeting be Adjourned. The motion PASSED with the following vote.**

**Aye:** 11 - Seth Speer; Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson; John Street; Charles Frierson; Brian Emison; Chris Moore; Ann Williams; Chris Gibson and David McClain

**Absent:** 1 - Charles Coleman

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

**Attest:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**April Leggett, City Clerk**