



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, June 2, 2015

5:30 PM

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE SPECIAL CALLED MEETING AT 5:15 P.M.

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

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND INVOCATION

3. ROLL CALL BY CITY CLERK DONNA JACKSON

Present 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

[COM-15:026](#)

Grants Department presentation by Heather Clark, Grants Administrator

Sponsors: Mayor's Office and Grants

Attachments: [Presentation](#)

Ms. Clark updated the Council on the status of current, active grants. The city currently has almost \$19 million in total funds with the largest percentage going to Capital Improvements and JETS, followed by Parks and Recreation. They still have \$2.5 million in pending rewards. They have sent a 42% increase in total awards between 2013 and 2014. The largest majority of that difference was due to the TIGER Grant for environmental and design for the Highway 18 overpass. She further discussed the grant funding for the city.

Councilman Street asked if the grants consultant in Washington D.C. has come up with anything yet. Ms. Clark answered yes, Mr. Sagely is working on two things to get the city in the position to speak with Anheuser Busch for Miracle League funding. He is also setting up a trip for Jonesboro city officials to meet with representatives from Caterpillar. Mayor Perrin noted Mr. Sagely will provide quarterly reports and the first should be coming in within the next 30 days.

Councilman Moore questioned what the status is of the homeless shelter that is supposed to be in the old nursing home on Southwest Drive. Ms. Clark explained Mission Outreach, Inc. purchased the property, but it is now for sale because the board decided the timing isn't right. The executive director of the program has since

resigned and so they are not moving forward with the homeless shelter project at this time. Councilman Moore then asked if Walnut Street Baptist Church is working on a proposal for a homeless shelter. Ms. Clark answered Walnut Street Baptist is in the process of entering into an agreement with consultants to develop a plan. They purchased property on Highway 226. They are in the process of planning and evaluating who the program will function. The city is assisting Walnut Street Baptist with determining grant funding they could be qualified for.

This item was Read.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Councilman Chris Moore, seconded by Councilman Charles Coleman, to Approve the Consent Agenda. The motioned PASSED

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover; Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Mitch Johnson; Tim McCall; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Rennell Woods; Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

MIN-15:053

Minutes for the special called City Council meeting on May 13, 2015

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

MIN-15:055

Minutes for the City Council meeting on May 19, 2015

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

This item was APPROVED on the consent agenda.

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

ORD-15:028

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING BY REFERENCE THE 2012 INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE TO THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES WITH RESPECT TO MULTI-FAMILY HOUSING IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO

Sponsors: Inspections

Attachments: [Email of Support](#)
[Opposition email](#)

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

Mayor Perrin stated he wanted to make sure there is time to discuss and evaluate the code with the citizens of Jonesboro. There is a public hearing scheduled for Thursday, June 11, 2015, starting at 6 p.m. If needed, they will hold another public hearing to ensure everyone has the opportunity to look at the code and discuss it.

The ordinance will be read over three separate readings, giving the city enough time to evaluate the code. They will also be coming up with a standard operating procedure to go along with the implementation of the code. He asked that comments be held until the public hearing.

This ordinance was Held at one reading.

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING

ORD-15:029

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO C-3 LUO FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2814 WOOD STREET AS REQUESTED BY JET PROPERTIES

Attachments: [Plat](#)
 [MAPC Report](#)
 [Letter from Cathedral Baptist Church](#)

Mayor Perrin noted there was some opposition to the rezoning and there was some questions concerning the rezoning. Councilman Moore asked that the rezoning be held at second reading.

This ordinance was Held at second reading.

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Perrin reported on the following items:

He thanked Dr. Coleman for his assistance with the city-wide prayer meeting on Sunday. He also thanked Councilman Woods' and Police Chief Rick Elliott for their participation in the meeting.

This weekend is the Biker Classic.

He reminded the Finance Committee of the regular committee meeting on June 9. He asked that all of the members attend the meeting because if there isn't a quorum items will have to be walked on to the Council meetings.

He will be attending a Highway Commission meeting on June 10th in Little Rock to discuss several things Jonesboro is working on with the Highway Department.

He and Chief Operations Officer LM Duncan met with Mike Preston, the new executive director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. They have several things the city will be working on with Mr. Preston.

The city wrote \$13.7 million in building permits last month. Commercial was 74% with residential being the rest.

Mayor Perrin referred to a question brought up by Councilman Coleman at the last Council meeting concerning the ditch behind Wendy's needing to be cleaned. He stated the ditch has been taken care of.

They are working with Abilities Unlimited to start doing the city recycling pickup. That

should start July 1st. They will be doing advertising on Channel 24 to encourage residents to recycle.

The Quality of Life Department made 620 stops last month. He discussed the reasons for the stops.

He received a letter from First United Methodist Church thanking the Fire Department for their recent work at a community building project. The Fire Department helped with the smoke detectors among other things.

9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilman Street expressed condolences for the Turman Family due to the loss of Mr. Gary Turman.

Councilman Dover motioned, seconded by Councilman Street, to suspend the rules and place ORD-15:030 and RES-15:087 to the agenda. All voted aye.

ORD-15:030

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING AND AUTHORIZE CITY OF JONESBORO TO PURCHASE A USED CATERPILLAR 320E EXCAVATOR FROM JA RIGGS

Sponsors: Finance

Councilman Dover offered the ordinance for first reading.

Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to suspend the rules and waive the second and third readings. All voted aye.

After passage of the ordinance, Councilman Street motioned, seconded by Councilman Gibson, to adopt the emergency clause. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: O-EN-027-2015

RES-15:087

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS FOR THE DONATION OF CITY EQUIPMENT TO CRAIGHEAD COUNTY

Sponsors: Finance

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

Enactment No: R-EN-077-2015

Councilman Dover updated the Council regarding the Salary/Longevity Committee. The committee has met twice. They will be sending out surveys to other cities soon.

Councilman Woods stated it's tremendous to see what the leadership of the city can do and he recognized the individuals who participated in Sunday's prayer meeting.

Councilman McCall announced The Commodores will be at the Downtown Jonesboro Barbecue Fest on September 26th. More information will be coming soon.

Councilman Gibson stated he will not be able to attend the public hearing regarding the property maintenance code. He asked that a brief synopsis be emailed to him. He also announced the rules and procedures changes have been submitted. City Clerk Donna Jackson stated there was about five submissions and the working document should be complete next week. Councilman Gibson stated at the next Council meeting he will announce a follow up meeting to review the proposed changes.

Councilman Gibson referred to a question he had at the last Council meeting regarding a four-way stop being placed at the intersection of Clubhouse Drive and Villa in Sage Meadows. He stated he has received a letter from several residents of Sage Meadows requesting the intersection had stop signs at each corner to ensure safety in the area. Mayor Perrin stated he will pass the request along to the appropriate committee.

Councilwoman Williams asked for an update concerning Wolverine. Mayor Perrin stated some of the equipment that will be used for the demolition has already been moved in. Everything should be torn down by the end of June. The property will then be cleaned.

Councilman Moore referred to the last Council meeting and noted a citizen brought a PowerPoint presentation that was shown during the meeting regarding opposition to a rezoning on the agenda. Councilman Moore stated it was brought to his attention by the Information Systems Director that the presentation was shown on live television. He suggested presentations be viewed in advance of meetings to make sure nothing inappropriate is shown on the screen during the meeting. He asked that a procedure be made concerning presentations being shown during a meeting.

Councilman Moore then stated his support of providing surplus equipment to the county. He explained in times of need the city will be looking to the county for support. He recommended offering the county surplus equipment before it's sold for pennies on the dollar.

COM-15:038

Proposed amendment to ORD-15:028 (An ordinance adopting by reference the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code) as written by Councilman Gene Vance Councilman Vance stated after the public hearing on June 11th there will be many recommendations to consider concerning the property maintenance code. He provided the Council with a copy of his recommendation for review. He explained he would like to omit the comment about multi-family housing and instead applies the code to all residential, commercial and industrial buildings within the city. In essence, the city will adopt the property maintenance code as written. He will offer his version as an amendment at the next meeting.

This item was Filed.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Director of Communications Fritz Gisler reminded everyone that some streets will be closed due to the Biker Classic. The closings have been posted on the City of Jonesboro website.

Mr. Harold Carter, 902 Tony Drive, spoke regarding the issue of a homeless shelter. He asked who he could speak with and ask questions concerning the projects. Mayor Perrin stated Ms. Clements should be able to help him and answer any questions he has. He also suggested Mr. Carter look at the minutes of the Homeless Prevention Committee to see if his questions may have been answered at a meeting.

Ms. Florence Kriner, 819 Amberwood Cove, spoke regarding the pending rezoning on Wood Street. She expressed her opposition to the rezoning. She stated the rezoning will have long-term negative effects. She asked that Jonesboro can become greater without sacrificing the quality of life of the residents. She asked that the Council consider the neighborhood when deciding on the rezoning.

Ms. Janet Hardin, 2810 Wood Street property owner, spoke in opposition to the Wood Street rezoning. She expressed concern about the negative effects of the rezoning due it being next to a residential area. She stated while there are exclusions, it is still wide open to what can go on the property. She noted a bedroom window is about ten feet from the property line. She explained they are concerned about noise and lights with regards to their property.

Mr. Darrel Cook, 3308 Lonoke Cove, spoke regarding the property maintenance code. He asked that everyone read the document and come with their questions to the public hearing on June 11th.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 12 - Darrel Dover;Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Mitch Johnson;Tim McCall;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Rennell Woods;Charles Coleman and Todd Burton

_____ **Date:** _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

_____ **Date:** _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk