



# City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center  
300 S. Church Street  
Jonesboro, AR 72401

## Meeting Minutes City Council

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Tuesday, January 21, 2025

5:30 PM

Municipal Center, 300 S. Church

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

### PUBLIC SAFETY 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 (ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE) INITIATED AND CONFIRMED BY CITY CLERK APRIL LEGGETT

**Present** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

#### 4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

*Mayor Copenhaver said, council, I just want to make you aware that obviously, I was very blessed that we had AML this past week and with that we had four council members that attended as well. It was our honor to receive several awards. It is always a privilege to stand among your peers of 499 cities. In relevance, there is about 12-15 that receive awards every year. But, it is due to the due diligence and commitment of what we do in the city of Jonesboro. So, it is very reflective upon on that. First of all, we were the Honorable Mention for Technology and Security. And, again, this went forward with 911 this year. It was reflective of that. And, last year, we actually won it for our systems that Chief Elliott and the City of Jonesboro put in place. So, we are leading the way. I think one of the biggest rewards is when you hear from other mayors that are winning awards this year, they took what we have done in the past and they are using that for example in their city. So, folks, we are leading by example in the city of Jonesboro. Then, we were very blessed to be the lead winner of the Diversity and Inclusion award. So, that was among the best in the state of Arkansas. We are showing and leading the example mainly through our Parks. The inclusivity that what we are doing there, but more importantly, how we are diverse in all of our areas of development with our youth and our community and engaging them. So, I want to say thank you to the Communications Department as well because they wrote these. They received the information from our department heads. And, I would like to give everybody that had a part of this which is you council and our directors, a big warm applause for all of your commitment to the City of Jonesboro and thank you.*

[COM-25:001](#)

A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING JANUARY AS HUMAN TRAFFICKING  
PREVENTION MONTH

Mayor Copenhaver said, and now council, Casey Kidd, Kimberly Thomas, and Megan Brown, if you all will come forward. This is a proclamation declaring January as a national slavery and human trafficking prevention month. Whereas, the United States of America, January was first proclaimed National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month in 2010 under President Barack Obama's administration. It has continued under previous and subsequent administrations to bring greater awareness of the tracking of individuals throughout the country. In 2019, Hope Found of NEA was founded by four dedicated individuals including Executive Director Megan Brown. In response to local trafficking cases that brought the harsh reality of human trafficking to the forefront of our communities attention. Since it's incorporation, Hope Found of NEA has worked tirelessly to educate, advocate, and provide services to surviving of trafficking individuals. Having a profound impact throughout the city of Jonesboro, Northeast Arkansas, and beyond. And, the Family Crisis Center was incorporated in 1986 as the NEA Family Council on Violence to assist families impacted by domestic violence and over the years, expanded it's services including opening a rape crisis center in 2018 to support adult victims of assault. And, launching also as well the anti-human trafficking program in 2022 in partnership with the Arkansas Coalition against sexual assault. The program focuses on education, community engagement, and serving survivors of trafficking who are 18 and older. In 2024, Hope Found of NEA and the Family Crisis Center collectively served 59 adults and 22 minors who are survivors of trafficking. Both agencies have provided critical education and training to community partners, school districts, and others throughout their service areas, collaborating to ensure comprehensive support of all individuals impacted by trafficking. The City of Jonesboro recognizes and deeply appreciates the efforts of Hope Found of NEA and the Family Crisis Center of unwavering commitment in fighting human trafficking in supporting survivors while also educating the community to prevent instances of exploitation. I want to say that this is something as mayor, it is very disheartening to see this happening anywhere in the United States much less in your own community. And, these women, all three, Casey Kidd as well, their heart is in it for the right reason. And, we as a city need to support them in all of these efforts. So, I, Harold Copenhaver, Mayor of the City of Jonesboro, do hereby proclaim January 25, 2025 as National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention month in the city of Jonesboro. I encourage all citizens to recognize the importance of raising awareness about human trafficking, supporting survivors, and promoting the continued work of organizations like Hope Found of NEA and the Crisis Center. Together, we can foster a community where all individuals are safer, valued, and free from exploitation. Thank you. Thank you very much.

**Read**[COM-25:002](#)**SPECIAL PRESENTATION FROM THE JONESBORO CHRISTMAS PARADE COMMITTEE**

Mayor Copenhaver said, first of all, I am going to ask Parks & Recreation Director Danny Kapales to come forward and he is going to receive a contribution this evening on behalf of the Jonesboro Christmas Parade Committee. And, if those members are here, if you would like to come forward, I think Heather and maybe a few others. Mr. Kapales said, first off, I want to thank this committee because if you all got to come out to the Christmas Parade, you would have seen something that was really, really fabulous. And, for the opportunity for it to be moved to another street and I say opportunity because we know what that was. It was tough and they did a great job of moving it. The crowd was phenomenal. We got a lot of help, and this group, they put in the effort to make sure it happened and they grabbed a hold of it right at the end. It wasn't like they had all year to get ready. They had a very short window to get it ready. So, I just want to say thank you for everything that you all did, a wonderful job and I

look forward to next year now that you do have a year to get it ready. It is going to be even that much better. So, thank you.

Heather Talley said, he looked at me like I am doing this thing again. No, I'm kidding, I am. It was wonderful. What you see behind me and audience what you see here is a collective effort of business owners and patrons and citizens and moms and dads and friends and people who wanted to come together. People from Jonesboro who wanted to come together for Jonesboro and do something that was really incredible. We did have a few hurdles that we had to overcome, but just like with anything in Jonesboro, people pull together and rally behind the end, the effort really made this. Everybody up here plus some made this such an easy process and I got to be a really cool part of getting to see that happen. It was cold. It felt like Christmas. We have got a video that the city will share for us that kind of an overview of that. James Bickham did that. He's incredible. I want to say thank you to the city for such a huge role in helping us make it possible. The individuals behind me plus some, they are really the stars that made this possible. So, plan for it next year, there are a lot of things that we are going to implement that are really neat. And, I will just say there is one thing that we were able to do that was pretty unique and I want to see take off and I want you guys to help spread the word on this is we designated a parking lot in between First United Methodist and First Baptist for ADA parking. And, we had several individuals that were able to use that who had family members and loved ones that had sensory processing disorders or had a need to be able to escape quickly if they became overwhelmed and they were able to utilize that. And, there were people who had never come to a parade before because it was overstimulating, because there was a lot going on. So, it's little things like that which make Jonesboro so great, that makes the people so wonderful and that makes this an event that I think we will be able to build on and grow for years to come. And, I hope everybody plans to come next year. Who knows what street it will be on, but either way, our downtown is amazing and everybody, downtown vendors, thank you for helping me pull that off and participate as well. So, wherever it is downtown, it is going to be great and I hope to see you guys there. And, this is to City Stars. We were able to, through sponsorships and donors and registration fees, I know sometimes people look at that and they go well, why do we have to pay to be in this because it cost money to put these events on. And, through the donors and sponsors, we were able to raise enough money to cover our expenses and then give a donation of \$5,000 to City Stars. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you. Heather, again, we want to say thank you and your committee and your efforts and we are looking forward to next year, okay, or this year. This year, that is right. So, thank you again.

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## **5. CONSENT AGENDA**

### *Approval of the Consent Agenda*

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

**Aye:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

[MIN-25:001](#)

MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON JANUARY 7, 2025

**Attachments:**     [CC Minutes 01072025.pdf](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

[RES-24:185](#)

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING THE OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE TO PURCHASE ADDITIONAL RIGHT-OF-WAY AT 3219 S CARAWAY ROAD FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCTING AND MAINTAINING ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS

**Attachments:**     [Offer and Acceptance - 3219 S Caraway Rd.pdf](#)

**This item was passed on the Consent Agenda.**

Enactment No: R-EN-014-2025

*RESOLUTIONS NOT ON THE CONSENT AGENDA*

[RES-24:181](#)

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING FREE UTILITY SERVICES FROM CITY WATER AND LIGHT FOR TRAIL LIGHTING PEDESTALS AT CRAIGHEAD FOREST PARK

*Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from discussion and voting on RES-24:181 due to his position on the CWL Board.*

**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:** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

**Recused:** 1 - John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-015-2025

*RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED*

[RES-25:001](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF ALLEY LOCATED IN PARDEW'S ADDITION AS REQUESTED BY FLEX PROPERTIES, LLC

**Attachments:**     [Opinion Letter](#)  
                              [Survey Plat](#)  
                              [Petition-signed and notarized](#)  
                              [AT&T](#)  
                              [CWL](#)  
                              [Optimum-Altice Email Response - Flex Properties LLC - Easement](#)  
                              [Ritter](#)  
                              [Summitt](#)  
                              [Publication Receipt](#)

**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:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-016-2025

[RES-25:002](#)

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ABANDONMENT OF A PORTION OF A STREET RIGHT-OF-WAY AND ALLEYS LOCATED ON SCHLEY STREET AS REQUESTED BY FLEX PROPERTIES, LLC

**Attachments:**    [Opinion Letter](#)  
[Survey Plat](#)  
[Petition-signed and notarized](#)  
[AT&T](#)  
[CWL](#)  
[Optimum-Altice Email Response - Flex Properties LLC - Easement](#)  
[Ritter](#)  
[Summitt](#)  
[Publication Receipt](#)

**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:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-017-2025

[RES-25:006](#)

RESOLUTION TO SET JUDGES, CLERKS AND ALTERNATE WORKERS FOR THE 2025 CITY, WATER AND LIGHT ELECTION

*Councilmember John Street asked to be recused from discussion and voting on RES-24:181 due to his position on the CWL Board.*

**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:** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

**Recused:** 1 - John Street

Enactment No: R-EN-018-2025

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### *ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING*

[ORD-25:001](#)

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 5622 SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD AS REQUESTED BY

## WESCOTT ENTERPRISES, LLC

**Attachments:**    [Rezoning Application](#)  
                          [Parcel for 5622 S Caraway Rd](#)  
                          [Plot](#)  
                          [Certified Letters](#)  
                          [Sign Posted](#)  
                          [Staff Summary](#)  
                          [Publication Receipt](#)  
                          [MAPC meeting minutes](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:001 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:002](#)

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 2926 WOOD STREET AS REQUESTED BY HORIZON LAND SURVEYING, LLC

**Attachments:**    [REZONING APPLICATION](#)  
                          [Rezoning Questionnaire](#)  
                          [Plat](#)  
                          [Certified Mail Receipts](#)  
                          [Rezoning Signs](#)  
                          [Staff Summary](#)  
                          [Publication Receipt](#)  
                          [MAPC meeting minutes](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:002 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:003](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE REZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM R-1 TO I-2 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 5500 S. STADIUM BLVD AS REQUESTED BY JIM HEATHERLY

**Attachments:**    [Rezoning Application](#)  
                          [Rezoning Plat](#)  
                          [Certified Mail Notifications](#)  
                          [Rezoning Sign](#)  
                          [Staff Summary](#)  
                          [Publication Receipt](#)  
                          [MAPC meeting minutes](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:003 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

[ORD-25:004](#)

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 R-1 SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY DISTRICT TO RM-12 RESIDENTIAL MULTIFAMILY FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1006 N. WARREN STREET, JONESBORO, AR AS REQUESTED BY CARRINGTON MOREHOUSE

**Attachments:**

[Rezoning Application](#)  
[Rezoning Application questions](#)  
[Rezoning Plat](#)  
[Bacilio Hernandex Approval Letter](#)  
[Certified Mail Receipts 12.18.24](#)  
[Minutes of Community Meeting](#)  
[Nix Tile Company 20231025 103516](#)  
[Nix Tile Company 20231025 103826](#)  
[Rendering](#)  
[Rezoning Sign Posted](#)  
[Warren Street Apartment Concept](#)  
[Staff Summary](#)  
[Publication Receipt](#)  
[MAPC meeting minutes](#)

*Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Brian Emison, to suspend the rules and offer ORD-25:004 by title only. All voted aye.*

**Held at one reading**

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS*****ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING***[ORD-24:035](#)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 9.1 AND 9.2 OF THE STORMWATER DRAINAGE DESIGN MANUAL WITH REGARD TO STRUCTURES IN ZONES AE, AH, AO, AND A

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

**Aye:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: O-EN-002-2025

[ORD-24:036](#)

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING LAS BRISAS BAR AND GRILL TO APPLY FOR A PRIVATE CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE PERMIT WITH THE ARKANSAS ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL DIVISION FOR THE OPERATION OF A RESTAURANT LOCATED WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

**Attachments:**     [Application Redacted](#)  
                              [Publication Receipt](#)

*James Elwyn Hinds, 508 Ridgecrest, said, first, let me remind you of the recent Surgeon General's report dealing with the harmful effects of alcohol. Second, I want to call this to your attention when looking at that I found something interesting. Do you know where alcohol ranks among the drugs that cause people to die, you know, overdose or whatever? It is second in the entire nation. Really, if we want public safety folks, this is where we need to start. We try to get drugs off of the street, you know meth and some of this stuff. Meth is not destroying as many lives. It is not taking as many lives as alcohol does. So, how do we justify promoting alcohol. Let's call it what we are doing and dealing with these other drugs. Let's get rid of these recreational drugs that are taking our young people. They are taking people's lives. They are putting people in hospitals and disabling people. We need to stop that. And, I also want to mention that I believe that you will find out that the owners of this establishment do not live here in Jonesboro and we don't need people from out of town coming and preying on the citizens of Jonesboro. Mayor Copenhagen said, thank you for your comments.*

*Jeremy Thomas, Attorney for the proponent, said, the owner lives in Osceola which is just an hour away. His nephew will be the manager here. I'm just here to answer any questions if anybody has any. No. Thank you.*

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

**Aye:** 11 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman and Ann Williams

**Nay:** 1 - LJ Bryant

Enactment No: O-EN-003-2025

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

*Mayor Harold Copenhagen reported on the following:*

*Congratulations to our January Employee of the Month, Octavius Mitchell. He is a Concession Stand Coordinator at the Parks & Recreation Department. Mr. Mitchell's contribution to the city has made a very impressionable impact just in a short time here. He is a UCA graduate in 2021 with a Bachelor of Science and completed his Master's in Leadership Management in 2023. He is utilizing those skills daily in his position in a noticeable way. We are grateful for his outstanding employee work and we appreciate Mr. Mitchell.*

*Now, onto the cold. We want to remind everyone, the city's daytime warming shelters are open and the Salvation Army overnight warming shelter is open. We are grateful to partnership with the Salvation Army to aid and ensuring those who experience homelessness or inadequate heat have to meet their winter needs. Thank you to all businesses, organizations, and individuals who help provide meals for those staying in the overnight shelter. As a city, we aid in providing free rides to and from the warming shelters and overnight shelters as requested. JETS is a provider of that service and we are also thankful for doing the extra roll-off dumpsters for the added trash needs in streets, parking lots, snow and ice removal to ensure access to the facilities. We provide assistance in securing volunteers to serve as well. So, assistance in securing meals to serve those who are sheltered by coordination of donation from local*

*businesses and churches. We aid with communicating resources and needs for the shelter at the Salvation Army service. And, all of those centers that are open again, are Earl Bell, Alan Park, the YMCA, and Parker Park as well.*

*I want to commend our city employees for the outstanding job with the inclement weather last week. Prepping the roads, handling snow covered roads, and sanitation did a wonderful job. I couldn't tell you how many compliments we received in the administration and throughout the director's for the efforts that were done on our city streets, just here a week and a half ago. I am incredibly proud of all of the work that they have done. But, it takes a coordinated effort of our departments working together. So, again, I appreciate that to everybody involved and all of the directors that participated.*

*I am pleased that we had four city council members to join us in Little Rock at the Winter Arkansas Municipal League. They had over 1,100 people. It helps us to develop opportunities specifically for our city government. And, we are very proud to have our very own Martin Hamrick, our Fire Chief, to speak at the disaster preparation and recovery seminar. So, that was an honor to hear him speak as well. We were honored once again to receive the Trendsetter Awards. I will say that Diversity and Inclusion was a partnership and one of the main reasons was that Project Search and Project Care that has helped to provide skills, training, and support and employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities. Monthly meetings for advocacy and support as well as the input for the Health Accelerator Plan within the Master Parks Plan.*

*On January 10th, it was announced that Jonesboro received a \$1.5 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration as a part of the railroad crossing elimination program. This grant will fund a study at all 18 at grade rail crossings within the city. The goal is to minimize interactions between trains and roadway users, decreasing accidents, improving emergency response, and enhancing freight efficiency. Successful completion of this plan phase will position Jonesboro to seek additional grant funding for engineering and construction of future multi-million dollar overpass projects.*

*During our January 18th Neighborhood Cleanup that was on Race Street, it had to be postponed due to the weather the previous week, I am happy to report that we had four roll-offs totaling about 10 tons of trash with almost 50 tires. This is our first cleanup of 2025, and, as you can see, the community engages itself in that process.*

*I am pleased to join with many in the community to celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Day yesterday. The parade turned into a car parade due to frigid temperatures, but the warmth and inspiration, the unity and diversity was clear in the program. I was pleased to see so many participate and uphold Dr. Martin Luther King's Dreams. We continue to work together. I would also like to say that the Master of Ceremonies was our own Tony Thomas. So, it was an honor yesterday Tony.*

*Lastly, I would like to honor the passing of Barbara Weinstock, a longtime member of the Quorum Court who served her community with steadfast knowledge and longevity that may never be repeated. God bless her family and we offer thanks to Barbara for serving her community in the way that she did.*

[COM-25:003](#)

NOVEMBER 2024 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Attachments:**     [November 2024 Financials.pdf](#)

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## **9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS**

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-25:005. All voted aye.*

### **[RES-25:005](#)**

A RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH NABHOLZ CONSTRUCTION INC. TO PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES AND ALLOCATE \$3,250,000 FOR THE DEMOLITION OF THE BUILDING LOCATED AT 100 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE

**Attachments:**     [Former Citizens Bank Building Demolition FAQ 01212025 Handout.pdf](#)

*Councilmember Chris Moore motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to suspend the rules and walk-on RES-25:005. All voted aye.*

**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:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

Enactment No: R-EN-019-2025

*Councilmember Ann Williams said, I would like to know that if during the recent cold spell the Salvation Army reached their maximum capacity as far as housing people and where do we stand as far as what additional people might need to be housed during the cold spell if that is the case? Mayor Copenhaver said, that's a great question and Tony, I think you can reference it, but I do not believe they reached their capacity yet. Is that correct, Tony? Chief Operating Officer Tony Thomas said, that is right. Councilmember Williams asked, how close are they to being at that point? Mr. Thomas said, I think what hear from the Salvation Army is that they have beds for about 50 individuals. And, even though, I think we saw an uptick in the number of clients that were there this time, it was no where near the 50 capacity that desire to stay overnight. They do serve that many when it comes to food and other amenities that they provided as a part of their care, but as far as the overnight shelter, I know, the first couple of nights of the original storm, we were between 7-10 individuals that stayed overnight. That included males and females. I don't think we have capped those the last few nights, especially when it got really cold. I don't think we capped around, we capped around 25 and that is not staying all night. But, people coming and going as they see fit. But, again, we are nowhere near that. We do have a contingency in place with one of our local churches that I have shared with you all before in the event that additional space is needed, but at this particular time, we have not had the demand for that additional space. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you councilmember.*

## **10. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

*Richard Glidden, 920 Aggie Road, said, so, I would say here recently, I kind of ran into an issue with the typical city policy here. Y'all have something going on here, a policy*

*that disallows police officers to investigate denial of visitations non-custodial parents. Right? And, it is something that you all do not do. I kind of find that to be an appalling doctrine because I don't understand why the opposite side of that is a Class C felony and the police will get involved. But, when you just have visitation rights, as somebody who has been through divorce, who has joint custody of their children, and that is not being investigated by the police, I misunderstand. I really, truly do. And, I do find that to be an appalling doctrine. Like, what are y'all teaching my kids with this policy? That is the question I have. This is all I have to say. Mayor Copenhaver said, thank you for your comments.*

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Aye:** 12 - Brian Emison;Chris Moore;Chris Gibson;David McClain;Joe Hafner;Kevin Miller;Anthony Coleman;Janice Porter;John Street;Charles Coleman;LJ Bryant and Ann Williams

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**Harold Copenhaver, Mayor**

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

**Attest:**

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**April Leggett, City Clerk**

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