



City of Jonesboro

300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes - Draft Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

5:00 PM

Municipal Center

1. Call To Order

Mayor Perrin was also in attendance.

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Present 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Todd Burton

3. Approval of minutes

MIN-14:069 Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on June 17, 2014

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 5 - Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Chris Moore;Mitch Johnson and Todd Burton

4. New Business

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

COM-14:063 Mosquito control report by Vector Disease Control for June 2014

Attachments: [June 2014 mosquito report](#)

Mr. Jim Stark with Vector Disease Control explained the City had a major hatch of floodwater mosquitoes around June 27 and then a few days later they had a hatch of mosquitoes from the rice fields. He stated they have continuously worked on combating the mosquitoes since June 29 and they have seen the light trap numbers go down.

Mr. Stark stated he has received one used truck and one new truck today. He added he was told that Jonesboro is going to be receiving two new trucks and if he gets to keep the trucks he received today the City would be in good shape since the City is growing. He noted the airplane will be flying tonight.

Councilman Moore asked if Vector Disease Control flew the airplane between July 1 and July 6 because the mosquitoes seemed to be better by July 6. Mr. Starks answered they flew the plane on July 2.

Councilman Moore then inquired what the amount of the contract they have with the City is. Mr. Stark answered approximately \$439,000 and the contract allows for a yearly increase.

Councilman Moore questioned how long the mosquito season will last. Mr. Stark answered normally from July 1 to October 1.

Councilman Moore inquired how much it costs to fly and spray the City for one aerial flight. Mr. Chris New with Vector Disease Control answered he would need to contact his chief pilot for that answer.

Councilman Moore asked if there is a certain amount of chemicals Vector is not allowed to use that would prevent them from flying every week during the time when the rice fields are flooded. Mr. New answered he does not think so. He added the way the contract is structured now allows for them to bring the plane to the city every other week.

Councilman Moore stated he thinks the City needs to look at restructuring the contract that would allow for the City to be sprayed every week during the time the rice fields are flooded. He added he would like to know what it would cost to have them spray every week. He noted it would be roughly five additional aerial sprays and he believes it would be approximately a 10% increase in the contract price. Mr. New explained he would look into that. Mayor Perrin explained if he knew the cost per flight he would be able to do an addendum to the contract.

Further discussion was held concerning restructuring the contract.

Discussion was held concerning purchasing new spray trucks. Mr. New explained they hope to have 3 new spray trucks in service by the end of next week, along with the two new trucks they received today.

This item was Read.

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

With no further business, Chairman Johnson adjourned the meeting.