



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Agenda Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, April 7, 2020

4:45 PM

Municipal Center

SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:025](#) MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020

Attachments: [NandR Minutes 03032020](#)

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:044](#) A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING PROTOCOL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO DURING TIMES OF NATIONAL OR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY

Sponsors: City Attorney's Office

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[ORD-20:013](#) AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26-21 TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY CURFEW PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO EXTEND WITHIN 48 HOURS

Sponsors: City Attorney's Office

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: MIN-20:025 **Version:** 1 **Name:** MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020

Type: Minutes **Status:** To Be Introduced

File created: 3/4/2020 **In control:** Nominating and Rules Committee

On agenda: **Final action:**

Title: MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020

Sponsors:

Indexes:

Code sections:

Attachments: [NandR Minutes 03032020](#)

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MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 3, 2020



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Meeting Minutes Nominating and Rules Committee

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

4:45 PM

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SPECIAL CALLED MEETING

1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

Present 4 - Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-20:020](#)

MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL CALLED NOMINATING AND RULES COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEBRUARY 18, 2020

Attachments: [N&R Minutes 02182020](#)

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: 4 - Joe Hafner; LJ Bryant; Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

4. New Business

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-20:032](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH THE JONESBORO BEAUTIFICATION COMMISSION

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, that RES-20:032 be Recommended to Council. Mayor Harold Perrin asked, can we walk that on to tonight's council agenda? Would that be a problem? The reason I said that is, Mike, are you not setting some of those meetings? On this one here, we are going to put on the website so anyone that wants to be a part of that can participate. But, it would help us if we could get that and the shooting range and the homeless forwarded all the way through to tonight if we could do that. Councilmember Street said, I will amend my motion. Who seconded that? Councilmember Johnson said, I did. Mayor Perrin said, it was just a formality. Councilmember Street said, I will amend

my motion to add that it be, asked that it be walked onto Council tonight. Mayor Perrin said, thank you. Councilmember Johnson said, second. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 4 - Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant;Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

[RES-20:033](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS AND A REVISION TO COMMITTEES AS RECOMMENDED BY MAYOR HAROLD PERRIN

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, that RES-20:033 be Recommended to Council and walked onto tonight's council agenda. All voted aye.

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

Aye: 4 - Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant;Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

[RES-20:034](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE JONESBORO COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Mitch Johnson, that RES-20:034 be Recommended to Council and walked onto tonight's council agenda. All voted aye. Councilmember Street said, that is something that we have been needing a long time. I am all for expediting that. Anything we can do. I mean we have got a bigger need that a lot of people realize. Mayor Perrin said, most of the people that are on this, actually, all of them applied themselves wanting on there. You saw on those names that the Salvation Army. We tried to pick up all non-profit organizations that can actually seek funding possibly with Grants and help Regina do that with the homeless. And, you also noticed on there, Judge Marvin Day. He wanted to be on this because this is a city-county issue. Also, Kraig Pomrenke, which again, at the meeting last week, Embassy Suites has agreed to give all sheets, blankets, pillows, etc. free. Tim O'Reilly told me that they would help us in any way possible on this homelessness.

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

Aye: 4 - Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant;Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

5. Pending Items

[RES-20:024](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS TO ESTABLISH AND APPOINT MEMBERS TO THE JONESBORO COMMITTEE ON HOMELESSNESS

Councilmember Joe Hafner said, this needs to be postponed indefinitely.

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

Aye: 4 - Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant;Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

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

Aye: 4 - Joe Hafner;LJ Bryant;Mitch Johnson and John Street

Absent: 2 - David McClain and Bobby Long



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #:	RES-20:044	Version:	1	Name:	ESTABLISHING MEETING PROTOCOL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO DURING TIMES OF NATIONAL OR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY
Type:	Resolution	Status:			To Be Introduced
File created:	4/6/2020	In control:			Nominating and Rules Committee
On agenda:		Final action:			
Title:	A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING PROTOCOL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO DURING TIMES OF NATIONAL OR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY				
Sponsors:	City Attorney's Office				
Indexes:	Policy - creation/amendment				
Code sections:					
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A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING MEETING PROTOCOL FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO DURING TIMES OF NATIONAL OR STATEWIDE EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, because of health concerns regarding the COVID-19 virus, and following a declaration of national and state emergency due to the same, limits to the number of persons physically present in public groups have been put in place by the Governor of Arkansas; and

WHEREAS, due to these state mandated changes in a time of pandemic emergency, protocol must be established for holding public meetings in the City of Jonesboro, in order to conduct business while safely utilizing all means possible to adhere to the Arkansas Freedom of Information Act (FOIA); and

WHEREAS, declaration of a pandemic constitutes an emergency, which shall invoke the Mayor or his/her designee to declare a state of local emergency and thereby establish a policy for modified conduct of all of its public meetings, including electronic participation and changes to physical presence requirements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, THAT THE FOLLOWING PROTOCOL BE FOLLOWED IN HOLDING COUNCIL, COMMISSION, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC MEETING AS REQUIRED BY FOIA FOR GOVERNING BODIES OF ARKANSAS MUNICIPALITIES:

Section 1: Rules and Order of Business:

The Council of the City of Jonesboro will follow its procedural rules adopted annually and all established commissions will follow adopted bylaws, and proper advance notification to the media will be performed as required by FOIA law.

“Electronic Means” shall be defined as by a telephone, cell phone, electronic tablet, computer or other electronic device which allows video call or chat and that provides evidence of the communication and is recordable and audible to all parties participating in and attending or viewing the meeting.

Section 2: Physical Presence at Meetings Requirement

(A) The Mayor, City Clerk, City Attorney, Committee Chair, and/or Commission Chair (or each official's appropriate designee), if applicable and possible, will be physically present at the place where the meeting is being held.

(B) Council and Commission Members shall be entitled to participate in the meeting via electronic means, including discussion, debating and voting, as if they were physically present at the meeting, provided that the electronic means that they are communicating by is audible and recordable.

Section 3: Public Participation

(A) During times of declared public pandemic emergency, all public meetings will be conducted with a city administered virtual web conferencing application. In addition, all meetings will be able to be viewed live through Legistar as always. All such public meetings will also be aired via "facebook live" on the City of Jonesboro facebook page and live on Channel 24, as a means of allowing public access viewing of its meetings.

(B) To ensure protection and social distancing, the City encourages the public to watch these live-streamed internet broadcasts on an electronic device, as protective measures remain in place with the closure of the Municipal Center, preventing public access.

(C) To ensure access for public participation, input and commentary for these virtual meetings, any member of the public wishing to be heard may direct all comments or citizen forum items to the City Clerk no later than one hour prior to the start of the meeting. Said comments shall be mailed, emailed, messaged or otherwise delivered to the City Clerk and shall be presented and heard at the appropriate time during the meeting, as indicated on the published agenda. In addition, every effort shall be made to communicate all comments or questions received via facebook, email, or by telephone to the council members live during the meeting.

(D) All City of Jonesboro public meetings shall continue to be recorded and available to the public for viewing in all the manners available in non-emergency situations.



Legislation Details (With Text)

File #: ORD-20:013 **Version:** 1 **Name:** AMEND CHAPTER 26-21 TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY CURFEW PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO EXTEND WITHIN 48 HOURS

Type: Ordinance **Status:** To Be Introduced

File created: 4/6/2020 **In control:** Nominating and Rules Committee

On agenda: **Final action:**

Title: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26-21 TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY CURFEW PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO EXTEND WITHIN 48 HOURS

Sponsors: City Attorney's Office

Indexes: Code of Ordinances amendment

Code sections: Chapter 26 - Emergency Management & Emergency Services

Attachments:

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AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 26-21 TO ALLOW THE MAYOR TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY CURFEW PURSUANT TO STATE LAW AND TO REMOVE THE REQUIREMENT OF CITY COUNCIL VOTE TO EXTEND WITHIN 48 HOURS

WHEREAS, the City passed Ordinance 26-21 to establish the Mayor’s ability to declare an emergency curfew for the City, or portions of the City, and requiring Council approval to extend said curfew past 48 hours from the time of issue, and;

WHEREAS, the Council acknowledges that in most emergency situations it is impracticable to convene a council meeting within 48 hours to meet these requirements, and;

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jonesboro, Arkansas has determined that it is in the best interest of the citizens of the city to amend Chapter 26-21 to remove the requirement that City Council approve the extension of a curfew called for by the Mayor within 48 hours.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS:

SECTION ONE: That Chapter 26-21 of the Jonesboro Code of Ordinances shall hereby be amended to remove the requirement that City Council vote to extend any emergency curfew placed in effect by the Mayor within 48 hours.

SECTION TWO: That the City Council specifically declares that the requirements as set out in state law shall control in all situations regarding the declaring of an emergency curfew.

SECTION THREE: That any ordinances which may conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION FOUR: It is further found that due to local, state, and federal declarations of emergency regarding COVID 19 and the constantly changing directives from the Center for Disease Control, that this ordinance is necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety, and an emergency is declared to exist and this ordinance shall take effect from and after its passage and approval.