



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes City Council

Tuesday, January 7, 2020

5:30 PM

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AT 5:00 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 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent 1 - Mitch Johnson

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

5. CONSENT AGENDA

[MIN-19:121](#) MINUTES FOR THE CITY COUNCIL MEETING ON DECEMBER 17, 2019

Attachments: [CC Minutes 12172019](#)

This item was passed on the consent agenda.

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams; Charles Frierson; Chris Moore; John Street; Gene Vance; Chris Gibson; Charles Coleman; Bobby Long; Joe Hafner; David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

6. NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON FIRST READING

[ORD-19:079](#) AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE INSTALLATION AND OPERATION OF A JUNK OR SALVAGE YARD IN THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Councilmember Gene Vance said, Mr. Mayor if I could speak. I would like to make a motion that we table this indefinitely and ask the administration to look at other ways

to enforce that salvage yards are operated in a correct manner rather than totally prohibiting them which in effect, is causing us to create a monopoly for one. We only have one within the city now. If we establish a prohibition against any others, we are, in fact, establishing a monopoly for that one.

Councilmember David McClain said, real quick, I have a question. Councilmember Chris Moore said, as a point of order, a motion to postpone indefinitely is not debatable. We either have to vote it up or vote it down. Councilmember McClain said, I am asking a question. Councilmember Moore said, you can't. There is no debate. Once there is a motion and a second to postpone indefinitely, there is no debate. Councilmember McClain asked, can I get clarification? Councilmember Moore said, I can get it in the pamphlet if you would like or we can ask the city attorney. Councilmember McClain said, that is fine. Mayor Perrin asked, you are wanting clarification on something? Councilmember McClain said, yeah. Mayor Perrin said, he is asking for clarification. City Attorney Carol Duncan asked, is it on the motion? Mayor Perrin asked, are you asking for clarification on the motion? Councilmember McClain said, no, I was asking on the ordinance just for clarification real quick. Mayor Perrin said, you can't discuss this. Councilmember McClain said, if the rules say you can't have discussion. Mayor Perrin said, let's have a vote. Councilmember Moore said, yeah, the only item before us right now, once somebody has made that motion and it has been seconded, is strictly that item. Councilmember McClain said, that is okay.

Councilmember Gene Vance motioned, seconded by Councilmember John Street, to postpone indefinitely ORD-19:079. All voted aye, except Councilmember Charles Frierson who voted nay.

Mayor Perrin said, now then, again, I am going to stay with that if I might on this item here on this deal. Administration has been working on this for some time on the salvage yard and obviously, everything changes. One that we have actually, we have two in Jonesboro right now. The one is down on the TRG. It has been there since 1907 right next to CityYouth Ministries and all of that stuff so obviously, that is about nine acres for redevelopment, etc. That firm, and it has been in the paper, but that firm has purchased the other salvage yard which is in Industrial Park. And so, in visiting this morning, I think, with Mr. Vance and some others, that felt like this could create a restriction on monopolies so therefore we could come back and have one and do this by zoning or even do this and have some type of regulations. With regulations, you have got to be careful because you have got to deal with ADEQ (Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality), EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) on burning and all of that stuff. So, we will go back to the drawing board and start working on something on that type of deal. So, hopefully, that kind of clears some things up. Councilmember McClain said, it did. Thank you. Mayor Perrin said, thank you.

A motion was made by Councilperson Gene Vance, seconded by Councilperson John Street, that this matter be Postponed Indefinitely . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 10 - Ann Williams;Chris Moore;John Street;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Nay: 1 - Charles Frierson

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

ORDINANCES ON SECOND READING[ORD-19:070](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A 15' x 350' ALLEY ON THE WEST SIDE OF LOTS 1 THROUGH 7, BLOCK A OF EARL KIECH SECOND EDITION BY FISHER AND ARNOLD ON BEHALF OF CMU INVESTMENTS, LLC

Attachments: [Resolution Abandonment](#)
 [Petition #1](#)
 [Petition #2](#)
 [Survey Plat](#)
 [Vicinity Map](#)
 [Notification - Winters](#)
 [Notification Nettleton School](#)
 [Abandonment Concurrence - Bevill - Keich second addition](#)
 [CWL Letter - Earl Kiech 2nd Add](#)
 [AT&T Abandonment Concurrence](#)
 [CenterPoint Abandonment Concurrence](#)
 [Suddenlink Abandonment Concurrence](#)
 [Ritter Abandonment Concurrence](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-19:073](#)

AN ORDINANCE ABANDONING AND VACATING RIGHT-OF-WAY AND DRAINAGE AND UTILITY EASEMENTS IN THE JACKSON MINOR PLAT OF PART OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 14 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST

Attachments: [Abandonment conc - Civilogic - Jackson - George H](#)
 [signed petition](#)
 [jackson minor plat subd plans 8-16-19](#)
 [Engineering Abandonment Approval](#)
 [ATT ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE](#)
 [CENTERPOINT ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE](#)
 [CWL ABANDONMENT CONCURRENCE](#)
 [Ritter Abandonment Concurrence](#)
 [Suddenlink Easement Abandonment 11-13-2019](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-19:078](#)

AN ORDINANCE FOR A PRIVATE CLUB PERMIT FOR QRT PROPERTIES LOCATED AT 2406 SOUTH CARAWAY ROAD

Attachments: [Private Club Permit_Madden Crab_Redacted](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-19:080](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM RESIDENTIAL, R-2 TO COMMERCIAL, C-1 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 600 EAST OAK AVENUE

TOGETHER WITH THE LAND ON EAST SIDE OF RAINS STREET BETWEEN GANT STREET AND EAST OAK AVENUE, AS REQUESTED BY ADAM BODEKER OF THE PERKINS LAW FIRM, P.A

Attachments: [Staff Summary -Council](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Rezoning Plat](#)
 [Property Owner Signatures](#)
 [School Email](#)
 [Warranty Deed](#)
 [Warranty Deed 2](#)
 [Warranty Deed 3](#)
 [Warranty Deed 4](#)
 [Warranty Deed 5](#)
 [USPS Receipts](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-19:081](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3 GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CR-1 COMMERCIAL RESIDENCE MIXED USE DISTRICT FOR 1.11 ACRES +/- OF LAND LOCATED AT 2750 BROWNS LANE ADJACENT SOUTH OF 2606 BROWNS LANE AS REQUESTED BY ERIC BURCH OF BURCH HOMES LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Council](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Application Answers](#)
 [Rezoning Replat](#)
 [School Email](#)
 [Warranty Deed](#)
 [Replat](#)
 [Certified Mail to School](#)
 [Certified Mail Receipts](#)

Held at second reading

[ORD-19:082](#)

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM C-3, GENERAL COMMERCIAL TO PD-R PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 3420 OLD GREENSBORO ROAD AS REQUESTED BY CARLOS WOOD ON BEHALF OF ONSTEAD PROPERTIES, LLC

Attachments: [Staff Summary - Council](#)
 [Application](#)
 [Plat](#)
 [Conceptual Layout](#)
 [Elevations](#)
 [Rezoning-PLAT](#)
 [Sage Property Owner Notification Letter](#)
 [Sage Property Owner Notification List](#)
 [School Email](#)
 [USPS Receipts](#)

Held at second reading.

ORDINANCES ON THIRD READING

ORD-19:069

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 117, KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES FROM COMMERCIAL, C-3 TO RESIDENTIAL, RS-7 FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2702 AND 2704 FRED STREET AS REQUESTED BY CARLOS WOOD ON BEHALF OF HAROLD RAY SIMPSON AND LINDA Y. SIMPSON

Attachments: [Staff Summary - City Council](#)
 [Rezoning Plat](#)
 [Application_1](#)
 [Rezoning Plat - Planning](#)
 [USPS Receipts](#)

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Enactment No: O-EN-001-2020

8. MAYOR'S REPORTS

Mayor Harold Perrin reported on the following items:

The first thing on there is the November financials, I think everyone got them. I know they have from Steve Purtee. It was a good month.

I have got a few items to cover.

Last month, we did in building permits \$47.4 million with \$43.8 being commercial and \$3.6 million being residential. With commercial, probably a lot of that is with Delta Peanut factory that is being built and some of the permits come in on the building as they come in. And so, we are still holding strong on the number and dollar amount of permits in residential. That is good as well.

Last week we received all of the ten SkyCops and I know that the Chief, once that gets all done, will be wanting to do a report on that and giving it to you all. They do have those up. They are working very strong. As you all know, we have a committee assignment that I will be bringing back to you all to raise funds for that. We have already had some calls of people, particularly POA Associations that are wanting to purchase those and wants to know how much they are. So, that is good.

Also, in that regards, Chief Rick Elliott was appointed to the state crime lab. It is probably one of the first for northeast Arkansas. So, congratulations Chief on that appointment. That is going to be, take some time going to Little Rock on the crime lab, but hopefully, that will be great for Jonesboro.

Christmas at the Park had 141,151 vehicles and approximately 57,029 people. My opinion of that has been a tremendous success and of course, obviously, the City of Jonesboro leased that to the LLC. Adam Sartin had the idea, the dream, the vision to do that and with all of the sponsors and so we will be getting our rent check. But, the rest of those proceeds after debt, obviously is going to go to purchase more lights. We would love to take that all of the way down to Dan Avenue at some point and time. We had a lot of comments on that. A lot of people came from out of town to see those lights and that is good.

Also, in Winter Wonderland, we had over 1,300 people to go through Winter Wonderland at the same time.

At our department head meeting this last week, Blue and You Foundation which is Blue Cross and Blue Shield, one of their subsidiaries, is that each year they open it up. We are eligible this year for all department heads to be able to apply to Blue and You for a \$1,000 grant. All of our department heads are looking at ways to find something in their department that they could write a grant through our grants division with Regina Burkett and get that. So, that is going to be a big kick for us. That is how we got our defibrillators, our Stop the Bleeding kits throughout the buildings, etc. A lot of things have been real good about that program.

Also, I was reappointed to the Arkansas Street Aid Committee through the Pro-Temp of the Senate and I will be attending my first meeting at the Winter Conference.

The asbestos has been removed from the Ice House and has been sent to ADEQ (Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality). The company will start doing the Veteran's Village on January 20, 2020. All of the houses that we purchased over there, the asbestos has already been removed from there and the report is back that they are cleared to go so they will be taking all of that down. Once that is down, they will go back and start on the demo of the Ice House.

On January 14, 2020, our 2020 Master Street Plan again will be coming forth with their meeting and getting finalized on that and coming back to the council.

In the Sanitation Department, we have already leased the two new trucks. They should be here on April 1, 2020. We had these in the budget tied to a lease and that is good. We, obviously, need to get that fleet upgraded and so we have got that going.

Our volleyball Junior Olympic teams, already we have got 84 so far which will occur on January 18, 2020. These teams will come out from all over the state around here. So, that is going to be a big plus for the City of Jonesboro.

Also, the Arkansas Parks & Recreation State Convention will be held here in Jonesboro in 2022. Parks Director Danny Kapales informed us that will occur in 2022.

I have had two calls already on this, one was today. The Arkansas Department of Rural Services will be having their convention here this year in Jonesboro. Also, the Master Gardner's Club will be having that. The Master Gardner's Club has over 600 people coming, booked in Jonesboro. I don't know how many will be coming on the Arkansas Department of Rural Services. What is good for Jonesboro is opening the Embassy Suites and that convention center is a huge asset for our city, no question about that. It is going to be bringing visitors to our town and obviously we want to make sure that we provide everything for them while they are here, to make sure that their trip here to our city is wonderful. We will be working with a lot of the downtown, as well as, all areas of Jonesboro to make sure that happens.

The Hester Street bridge will be hopefully completed, depending upon the weather, by mid-February. And, so, that was another good addition that occurred in 2019.

And, then, also, we have street lights that were put up on Union up to Huntington and hopefully, our plan, is to take all of those lights all the way down Union to look like Main Street because Union Street is really expanding dramatically, especially with the Jetton project and that will be 60 units that will be opening up once it is completed, as well as, some other areas in that area of property.

Tomorrow, I will be working, Mike Downing and I will be working with some potential prospects on the Citizen's Bank, again, under a confidentiality agreement. We will be in Little Rock visiting with those people. One of my major goals for this year is to try to get something on paper and try to get that project started if we can. So, say a little prayer for us. This is not the first rodeo that we have had on this building, but, again, what I am saying to you is that if we can get this, get the garage resold on Union and all of that area down through there, then you are going to see it look almost like Main Street. And, once that, in my opinion, on Washington is kicked off and done, whatever is done there, whatever project is done, that is absolutely going to increase the downtown revitalization on that.

[COM-19:085](#)

November 2019 Financial Reports

Attachments: [Observations Regarding November 2019 Financial Statements](#)
[Statement of Rev, Exp and Changes in FB November 2019](#)
[Required Reserves November 2019](#)
[Cash Deposit Collateralization Report November 2019](#)
[Revenue Report November 2019](#)
[Expenditure Report November 2019](#)
[Combined Sales Tax Report November 2019](#)
[Combined State Turnback Report November 2019](#)

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9. CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilmember John Street said, in accordance with city council rules and procedures, at our first meeting, it is incumbent upon us to elect a President Pro-Tempore for the council to replace you when you are not able to make a meeting. I

would move we nominate Chris Moore.

Councilmember John Street motioned, seconded by Councilmember Chris Gibson, to nominate Councilmember Chris Moore as President Pro-Tempore. All voted aye.

Mayor Perrin said, let the record reflect that. Councilmember Street said, I will say that Councilmember Moore does an excellent job in your absence. Mayor Perrin said, good, good.

Councilmember David McClain said, the only thing I have, Nominating & Rules met today. We have received some of the councilmember's requests for which committees they would like to be on. If you could get those in by Friday if you haven't submitted anything. I would like to have a meeting on January 21, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. to go ahead and solidify those committees. Councilmember Chris Moore asked, do you want us to submit if we want to change? Councilmember McClain said, if you want to change or if you want to stay the same, just let me know and then we will have a meeting on the 21st at 4:30 p.m. Councilmember Moore said, okay. Mayor Perrin said, okay, very good.

10. PUBLIC COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

Aye: 11 - Ann Williams;Charles Frierson;Chris Moore;John Street;Gene Vance;Chris Gibson;Charles Coleman;Bobby Long;Joe Hafner;David McClain and LJ Bryant

Absent: 1 - Mitch Johnson

Date: _____

Harold Perrin, Mayor

Attest:

Date: _____

Donna Jackson, City Clerk