



City of Jonesboro

Municipal Center
300 S. Church Street
Jonesboro, AR 72401

Meeting Minutes Public Safety Council Committee

Tuesday, December 17, 2019

5:00 PM

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1. Call To Order

2. Roll Call by City Clerk Donna Jackson

Mayor Harold Perrin was in attendance.

3. Approval of minutes

[MIN-19:115](#)

Minutes for the Public Safety Committee meeting on November 19, 2019.

Attachments: [Minutes](#)

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

Aye: 4 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Bobby Long

4. New Business

ORDINANCES TO BE INTRODUCED

[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

Mayor Perrin said, Mr. Chairman this is a project that I have been working on with the Administration for probably three years. I think it was established in 1907 and we are very fortunate that TRG has purchased and closed on the other salvage yard. They will be moving everything off of the down town location, there is approximately nine acres at that down town site. They have told everyone they are going to remove everything off of that site, and that it will probably take them a year and a half, possibly two years to get everything totally off of that site. Then they will have to come back with ADEQ, for them to check the property and things of that nature which they will pay for. This will be a great opportunity for redevelopment of the whole area of downtown, again its nine acres total and we've been working with them very close on that. You can see that no one is hurt in that, in the fact that they have a business license now in town, so, it's not excluding, it's just simply saying that you are not going to approve any other salvage yards within the city limits of Jonesboro. I am very pleased to get this done, and I know City Youth Ministry is, and will appreciate yawl approving this and moving it on.

Councilmember Chris Moore said, On behalf of my ward where TRG is, and I don't

have anything against them but, they definitely need to move. One thing I want to make sure of is TRG is not going to be handicapped in being able to expand at the new location. Mayor Perrin said, no, because the firm that they purchased had already bought all of the property out there. So, they have got several acres out there. I asked that same question as well. Mr. Moore said okay, I just want to make sure that they have enough room to be able to move out there, and set their operation up.

Councilmember Gene Vance, said I have one question. Is our definition in section one going to inhibit the recycling businesses at Abilities Unlimited? Mayor said, no, Carol wrote the ordinance. Chairman Johnson said he didn't believe it would affect the recycle business. Councilmember Vance agreed, but if someone else wants to put in a recycling business are we inhibiting that? City Attorney, Carol Duncan said, I think when you look at the way it is defined Fit anticipates recycling, but let me read it again. Councilmember Bobby Long said, if Abilities Unlimited wanted to grow a little bit more would they be able too? Councilmember Moore said, they would have to go through MAPC to do that. Ms. Duncan said I think its talking about junk and salvaging, I don't think it's talking about recycling. Chairman Johnson said, you can recycle junk, Mr. Long agreed. Councilman Vance said, I am not saying it does include it in the definition, I am saying I want to make sure that we are not including a recycling business in it.

Mayor Perrin said, I did not read it that way, and I visited with North Little Rock and Conway on theirs. Attorney Duncan, said yes, and this is a very similar ordinance to what they have, and I don't know that anyone assumed it applied to recycling. I don't know how much you have used metals, tires, and batteries, that type of thing in a typical recycling plant. Mr. Vance said, you have a lot of used metal. Ms. Duncan said, but in a place like Abilities you have more of the paper and plastics, and I don't think they store it for long, they move it pretty quickly. Mr. Vance said they bail it and store it inside. Mayor said, but then it's picked up and moved, then hauled off.

Councilmember Gene Vance asked, can we add anything saying this is not intended to hinder any recycling operations? Ms. Duncan said, I don't know why you couldn't. Chairman Johnson said, maybe for the purpose of definition say household or residential recycling. Ms. Duncan said, I think an argument could be made that junk yards recycle metal. Councilmember Moore said as long as we are not hurting the existing businesses I am all about not starting any new ones. In other words I wouldn't want to hurt Abilities Unlimited Recycling program, or TRG's ability to recycle, but I would be all about prohibiting a new start up, even of a recycling business in the city. We already prohibit landfills and household garbage. Attorney Duncan said, and as you know if it became a problem in the future you could always go back and amend that definition if there became a concern about a recycling business.

Mayor Perrin said, what I can do Councilman Vance if this is forwarded on to council is visit, and Carol can to with the Municipal League, as well as Conway and other cities just to make sure to clarify it. Councilman Vance said okay.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Bobby Long

RESOLUTIONS TO BE INTRODUCED

[RES-19:215](#)

RESOLUTION BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS AUTHORIZING AN INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT BETWEEN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY AND THE CITIES WITHIN CRAIGHEAD COUNTY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTINUING A JOINT 911 EMERGENCY AND DISPATCH CENTER

Attachments: [E911 Agreement](#)

Mayor Perrin said, Mr. Chairman If you could go ahead and move that to the council this evening. Chairman Johnson said I was going to ask you that question since it going into effect January 1st. Mayor said that is correct, and let me explain to you all and anyone else in the audience. Judge Day and I have met with all of the Mayors within Craighead County, the other one was a little bit outdated, the one we had, and also in which the way that these will be funded in the future. The legislature passed an increase the tax on cell phones from .65 cents to \$1.30, the legislators also set up a 911 Board of Commissioners, and they are holding some of that money and will send it back out in August. I anticipate that if we go this route it will be based on population of what they pay into the 911 center. We will also have an advisory board that does any type of purchase which again would come back to this council, so that is the reason it has taken us such a long time to get to where we are at, and apologize for the delay. Most cities have already gotten theirs passed and where the county has as well. So that would be good if you could do that so that we can walk that on from the council floor tonight.

Councilmember Chris Moore asked, what would be the reason you would want me to use to get that walked on to the council tonight, the funding stream. Mayor Perrin said yes, the funding stream that has changed in the legislature, and also this expires on December 31, 2019.

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Gene Vance, that this matter be Recommended to Council . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Bobby Long

5. Pending Items

6. Other Business

7. Public Comments

8. Adjournment

A motion was made by Councilperson Chris Moore, seconded by Councilperson Bobby Long, that this meeting be Adjourned . The motion PASSED with the following vote.

Aye: 4 - David McClain;Chris Moore;Gene Vance and Bobby Long