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Minutes for the City Council meeting on January 17, 1994
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - JANUARY 17, 1994

The Jonesboro City Council met in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Present were the Mayor, City Attorney, and all council members with the exception of Councilman Evans who was unable to attend.

The minutes of January 3, 1994, were approved as mailed by motion of Councilman Bowers seconded by Councilman Mullenix. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

The following ordinance was on the third reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON A PORTION OF LIBERTY STREET BETWEEN E. ALLEN AVENUE AND E. GORDON STREET.

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was given the number 2531.

Item B on the agenda was pulled by the Council because the rezoning matter had been submitted to the Clerk's Office prematurely. The rezoning had not been brought before the MAPC prior to the Council meeting.

Councilman Harpole offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND OTHER PURPOSES. (MOONEY/LUCILLE BOOTHE)

Mr. Bill Shelton spoke in opposition to the rezoning requesting the Council to keep the area residential due to an increase in the traffic problems which already exist in this area. To allow both sides of the issue to be heard, Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Wise to suspend the rules and place on a second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

The following ordinance was on the second reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE NO. 954 KNOWN AS THE ZONING ORDINANCE, PROVIDING FOR CHANGES IN ZONING BOUNDARIES AND OTHER PURPOSES. (Mike Everett/Jerry Craft)

Attorney Mike Everett represented Mr. Jerry Craft in the matter, and Attorney Skip Mooney Sr. represented a group opposed to the rezoning. Discussion followed with Mr. Everett requesting the matter be heard for a third time. Mr. Mooney recommended that the ordinance not be read a third time, but rather be sent back to the MAPC, because the Council had already denied the vacating of utility easements, a stipulation made by the MAPC for the rezoning. Attorney Everett responded by saying the rezoning had not been denied, only tabled, and the whole idea of tabling is to be able to bring it back before the Council. Mayor Brodell questioned if there was a difference in the Council tabling an issue or an Attorney tabling an issue. It was explained that an item which is on the agenda, but tabled, requires a vote of the Council. An item which is pulled or withdrawn prior to the agenda being sent out does not require a vote of the Council. City Attorney, Pam Honeycutt explained these procedures have not been followed in the past. Councilman Hannah recommended in the future any item on the agenda which is to be tabled should be voted on by the Council. The ordinance was read a second time.

Councilman Hannah offered the following ordinance for the first reading:

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT A 1994 BUDGET FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO, ARKANSAS

Councilman Mays moved, seconded by Councilman Hannah to suspend the rules and place on the second reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The ordinance was read a second time. Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Mays to further suspend the rules and place on the third reading. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye with the exception of Councilman Vance. The ordinance was given the number 2532.

Councilman Bowers moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to table Item number five (5), Bid number 93:58. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Harpole to adopt a resolution naming Judges, Clerks and Absentee Ballot Workers to serve in the election for CW&L. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1994:04.

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Vance to adopt a resolution to condemn property located at 206 Miller Street. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1994:05.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to adopt a resolution to condemn property located at 516 N. Third Street. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. The resolution was given the number 1994:06.

Councilman Hannah moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton to set an Appeal Hearing for 6:45 p.m. for February 7, 1994, regarding the MAPC's rezoning denial on property located on the west side of Leslie Ann Drive, north of Barbara Ann Drive. (Jim Lyons/Mike Watson). A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council

members voting aye.

Councilman Vance moved, seconded by Councilman Bowers to accept the Police Benefit Package effective February 1, 1994, as presented by the Police Committee. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye.

Councilman Harpole moved, seconded by Councilman Kelton to accept the Fire Benefit Package effective February 1, 1994, as presented by the Fire Committee. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all council members voting aye. Councilman Hannah requested the City Finance Director to make available the proper ordinances to appropriate funds for the Police and Fire Benefit Packages by the next council meeting.

Under new business Human Resource Director Andre' Houser outlined a 1994 Action Plan. Mr. Houser reported to the Council several programs already being utilized; the Application Process which went into effect January 1, 1994, New Hires Orientation, Training of Department Heads in giving proper evaluations and Employee Evaluations. Mr. Houser stated no policy would be changed without a vote of the Council and requested input by the Council on developing a retirement plan for non-uniformed city employees. Councilman Perrin commended Mr. Houser's work and emphasized the importance of an employee handbook and employee evaluations.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.