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Minutes for the City Council meeting on September 19, 2006  
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - September 19, 2006

The Jonesboro City Council met Tuesday, September 19, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. Members present were: City Clerk Donna Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego and eleven council members. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Perrin presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Formon, and Councilman Johnson was unable to attend.

Councilman Farmer moved seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the minutes of September 5, 2006, as amended. The amendment was on page five regarding Resolution No. 2006:122 amending "NRS Consulting for the Wilkins/Nettleton E. of Franklin drainage project in the amount of \$10,800.00" to read "Miller Newell for the Farm Creek Project in the amount of \$20,600.00." A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

**ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM INDUSTRIAL I-1 AND RESIDENTIAL R-1 TO COMMERCIAL C-3, LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF HIGHWAY 18 EAST. (Berney Halsell)**

Mr. Otis Spriggs, Jonesboro City Planner provided a revised version of the ordinance prior to being read the first time. The original ordinance had left out the Limited Use Overlay that had been required by the MAPC. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

**ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL R-2 TO COMMERCIAL C-5, NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE, LOCATED AT 904 E. OAK STREET (Dr. Bryan M. Harvey)**

Mr. Otis Spriggs, Jonesboro City Planner provided a revised version of the ordinance prior to being read the first time. The original ordinance had left out the Limited Use Overlay that had been required by the MAPC. Dr. Harvey reported they were in need of identification signage for this property. City Planner Otis Spriggs responded saying the MAPC would support a placard type sign. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM R-1, SINGLE FAMILY MEDIUM DENSITY TO C-3 L.U.O., GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WITH LIMITED USE OVERLAY, LOCATED ON WILLOW ROAD BETWEEN LONG CREST DRIVE AND JOE N. MARTIN EXPRESSWAY. (Elizabeth Moore)

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Farmer offered the following ordinance for first reading:

ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE JONESBORO CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 2.20.02 (A) ENTITLED SEATING; SECTION 2.24.02 ENTITLED ELECTIONS; AND SECTION 2.32.01 ENTITLED APPOINTMENT

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Farmer to suspend with the second and third readings. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the second reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Farmer for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3664.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to table the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE TO CONSTRUCT THE JONESBORO ANIMAL SHELTER AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS

It was explained the ordinance was being pulled in order to go back to the Finance Committee for review of the cost figure of site preparation, since no break down had been provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of a resolution to reappoint Mr. Mike Johnson to the Craighead County/Jonesboro Public Library Board of Trustees with an expiration date of August 1, 2011, (5 year term). A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:126.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of a resolution accepting a permanent drainage easement located at Casey Springs Road. City Clerk Donna Jackson explained the original corresponding documentation had not been provided to her office even though the resolution stated they were on file with her office. Mr. Hooton provided a copy of the easement, and stated he would provide her with the original at a later date. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:127.

Under new business, Councilman Perrin announced that Mayor Formon had a conflict and was unable to attend.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend the rules and place an ordinance on the agenda. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Street offered the following ordinance for first reading:

#### AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CITY EMPLOYEE'S BID FOR PROJECT IMPROVEMENTS

Questions were raised regarding Mr. Mike Cameron being able to bid on city jobs since he had been hired to assist with drainage projects. City Attorney Crego explained Mr. Cameron could not bid on jobs he was directly involved in, and since ADA curb cuts and ramps were not directly involved with drainage he should be allowed to bid on this project. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3665.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to suspend the rules placing a resolution on the agenda to contract with S. Callahan for ditch cleaning, however the motion and second were withdrawn because the resolution did not have the contract nor pertinent information provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the rules and place an ordinance on the agenda. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

#### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3600 FOR THE PURPOSE OF ADDING THE POSITION OF SENIOR INSPECTOR IN THE INSPECTION DEPARTMENT TO THE 2006 BUDGET

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3666.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the rules and place an ordinance on the agenda. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore offered the following ordinance for first reading:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 3600 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DELETING ONE POLICE SERGEANT POSITION AND ADDING ONE LIEUTENANT POSITION IN THE 2006 BUDGET

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Ashley to suspend with the second and third readings. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the ordinance. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of the emergency clause. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The ordinance was assigned number 3667.

Councilman Province questioned the financial status of the City of Jonesboro, explaining the City Council has not received a financial update in a considerable length of time and before making decisions on the 2007 budget they needed to know the financial balances. Mr. Herb Davis, Interim Finance Director explained he was not prepared to sign off on the financial statements, stating however progress had been made within the last ninety days.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Street to suspend the rules to place a resolution on the agenda. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Dover for the adoption of a resolution to amend the City of Jonesboro Pay Plan, adopted by Resolution No. 2004:02, to move the position of Finance Director/City Treasurer to pay grade number 25 of the City of Jonesboro Wage and Salary Plan. Councilman Moore questioned how the determination was made for this particular pay grade. Ms. Hackney stated they again surveyed other cities, and looked at the duties of the position of City Finance Director/City Treasurer. She explained when the pay plan was put into effect the City Finance Director was not the City Treasurer. She stated the only people in this pay grade are the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Public Works Director and given the responsibilities the position warrants being a grade 25. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:128.

Councilman Farmer stated in the past four years when items were bid out, time after time the bids would not have the proper documentation. He stated it was incumbent on Mayor Formon to find out the problem and take corrective measures. He stated the ditch cleaning contract has been delayed twice due to bid procedure problems, and it was time to quite pointing fingers and fix the problem.

Councilman Perrin stated the Policy and Procedures should be reviewed to address the problem of having too many items being brought up under new business. He stated if he were setting the agenda only emergencies would be allowed to be brought up under new business and complete documentation would be provided before

being placed on the agenda. Councilman McCall stated it was not fair to the citizens of Jonesboro to expect council members to vote on items were sufficient time has not been given for review.

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to place a resolution on the agenda for consideration. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.

Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman Street for the adoption of a resolution placing traffic signs at the following locations:

#### SPEED LIMITS:

Post the speed limit on Wilkins Avenue between Caraway Road and Church Street at 30 MPH. (State mandated school zone of 25 MPH will apply accordingly when children are present). Currently posted at 25 MPH from Franklin Street to Rains Street only.

Post the speed limit on Ridge Road at 25 MPH between Shady Grove Road and Rich Road. Currently un-posted at 30 MPH.

Post the speed limit on Rich Road at 25 MPH between Ridge Road and Rich Cove. Currently un-posted at 30 MPH.

Post the speed limit on Rich Road at 25 MPH between Rich Cove and Broadmoor. Currently posted at 20 MPH.

Post the speed limit on Bernard Street at 25 MPH between Wilkins Avenue and Highland Drive. Currently posted at 20 MPH.

#### INTERSECTIONS:

Change the existing two-way stop at Race Street and Dudley Street to a four-way multi-stop by placing stop signs on Race Street at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection.

Change the existing two-way stop at Stephanie Lane and Sandra Lane to a four-way multi-stop by placing stop signs on Stephanie Lane at the northeast and southwest corners of the intersection.

Change the existing one-way stop at Frierson Street and College Street to a three-way multi-stop by placing stop signs on Frierson Street at the northwest and southeast corners of the three-way intersection.

#### NO PARKING:

Post a "NO PARKING ANYTIME" sign at the roundabout in the entrance to Sage Meadows.

A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley. The resolution was assigned number 2006:129.

Under Public Comment, Mr. Michael Harris with Midsouth Health Systems, addressed the Jonesboro City

Council regarding the local continuum of care program. He commended the Jonesboro City Council for helping the homeless population. He commended Ms. Gayle Vickers on her efforts in assembling the continuum of care to provide supportive services, and thanked Ms. Vickers, Councilman Moore, and Councilwoman Furr for their assistance with CDBG funding for low income individuals.

With no further business, Councilman Moore moved, seconded by Councilman McCall to adjourn the meeting. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Dover, Furr, McCall and Ashley.