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Minutes for the City Council meeting on December 6, 2004
CITY COUNCIL MINUTES - DECEMBER 6, 2004

The Jonesboro City Council met Monday, December 6, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. A full quorum was in attendance. Present were: Mayor Brodell, City Clerk, Donna K. Jackson, City Attorney Phillip Crego, and eleven council members. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. Councilman Roddy was unable to attend.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to approve the minutes of November 15, 2004, as provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin to approve the Special Called meeting held November 22, 2004, as provided. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall.

Finance Director Larry Flowers was not in attendance and was unable to give the Financial Report, but a written report was provided to City Council members.

The following ordinance was on the second reading:

**ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM RESIDENTIAL (R-2) TO COMMERCIAL (C-3),
LOCATED AT 826 W. HUNTINGTON AVENUE (David Oesterblad)**

Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman McCall to suspend the rules and place on the third and final reading. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman McCall for the adoption of the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken resulting in all members voting nay. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The ordinance was denied.

The following ordinance was on the second reading:

**ORDINANCE TO VACATE AND ABANDON THE UNIMPROVED STREET RIGHT OF WAY FOR
UNION STREET. (Union Pacific Railroad)**

At the recommendation of the Public Works Committee, the decision was made to leave the third reading of the ordinance until the December 20th meeting in an effort to work out a potential right-of-way agreement for the City of Jonesboro.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM COMMERCIAL (C-5) NEIGHBORHOOD OFFICE DISTRICT TO COMMERCIAL (C-3) GENERAL COMMERCIAL DISTRICT, LOCATED AT 3301 E. HIGHLAND (Lamco)

Councilman Perrin 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, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. 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, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned number 3499.

The following ordinance was on the third and final reading:

ORDINANCE TO REZONE PROPERTY FROM AGRICULTURAL (AG) TO RESIDENTIAL (R-1), LOCATED ON THE NORTH SIDE OF FLEMON ROAD WEST OF WILKINSON ROAD (BKR, LLC)

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Young 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, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The ordinance was assigned number 3500.

At the request of the Public Works Committee, Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Moore to table a resolution until the December 20th council meeting expressing the willingness of the City of Jonesboro to utilize federal-aid monies for Transportation and Drainage for the Jonesboro Metropolitan Statistical Area. It was explained clarification was needed regarding if the area mentioned should be the Metropolitan Statistical Area or the MPO area. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilwoman Williams for the adoption of a resolution certifying ITNOLAP Pallet & Crating, LLC, located at 100 Best Industrial Drive to participate in the Tax Back Program. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2004:100.

Councilman Young moved, seconded by Councilman Province for the adoption of a resolution authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into agreements with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department for the installation of traffic control devices at the following locations:

- Intersection of Highway 63B and Hasbrook
- Intersection of Highway 18 (Highland) and Nettleton
- Intersection of Highway 49 and Highway 351 East.

A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2004:101.

Councilwoman Williams moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of a resolution accepting the bid and authorizing Mayor Brodell to execute the contract for dental coverage of city employees and their dependants with Ameritas Group. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members

were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2004:102.

Councilman Dover moved, seconded by Councilwoman Furr for the adoption of a resolution accepting the bid and authorizing Mayor Brodell to execute the contract for Life and Accidental Death Insurance for the employees of the City of Jonesboro with U.S. Able. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye with the exception of Councilman McCall who abstained from voting due to his work affiliation. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, and Furr. The resolution was assigned number 2004:103.

Under new business by the Mayor, Ms. Wannda Turner, Director of the Northeast Arkansans For Animals, presented Judge Ray Spruell and Mayor Brodell an Advocate Award in recognition of their work to assure the safety of the public and animals.

Mayor Brodell recognized Attorney Paul Ford and Mr. Glenn Batten who had requested to be placed on the agenda to address the Jonesboro City Council, but were not in attendance of the meeting.

Councilman Street moved, seconded by Councilman Perrin for the adoption of a resolution extending the moratorium for an additional 45 days on R-2A or R-3 zoning classification requests. City Attorney Crego apologized for the delay and stated he would have the proper legislation available by the December 20th meeting. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2004:104.

Councilman Perrin moved, seconded by Councilman McCall for the adoption of a resolution setting a public hearing for 6:00 p.m. on December 20th for the purpose of amending the Project Plan of the Turtle Creek Redevelopment District. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall. The resolution was assigned number 2004:105.

On the recommendation of the Personnel Committee, Councilman Farmer moved, seconded by Councilman Dover requesting Mayor Brodell to remove any reference to any sexual harassment involving Mr. Glenn Batten during his employment with the City of Jonesboro. A voice vote was taken resulting in all members voting aye. Those members were: Farmer, Province, Hargis, Moore, Williams, Perrin, Street, Young, Dover, Furr, and McCall.

Mayor Brodell announced that Blue Cross Blue Shield had declined the request to include Northeast Arkansas Medical Center and Clinic as an in network provider and were waiting on a decision from a court case which should be finalized February 28, 2004.

Mr. Ron Worley of 1901 Catherine Drive stated in a period of 24 months his garage had flooded six times coming close to flooding his home on two of those occasions. He stated the recommendation by Engineer Bernie Auld was not acceptable and had changed from the recommendation made in January. Mr. Worley expressed his frustration and stated he did not know what to do, but take it to the next level.

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