

**CITY OF JONESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
JULY 2nd, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held their monthly Work Session on Monday, July 2nd, 2012. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Police Station, 170 South Main Street Jonesboro, Georgia.

Council Present: Joy B. Day, Mayor
Clarence Mann, Councilmember
Wallace Norrington, Councilmember
Pat Sebo, Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins, Councilmember
Randy Segner, Councilmember

Council Absent: Joe Compton, Councilmember

Staff Present: Janice Truhan - City Clerk.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed authorizing Mayor to secure survey of Lee Street Park. Mayor Day stated that before the City does any work that the boundaries should be clear. Councilmember Sebo stated that the tennis courts are in disrepair and asked if they belonged to the Board of Education or if they are a park of the park. She stated that when they are not taken care of, it reflects on the City of Jonesboro. Councilmember Wiggins asked if we had received any bids. Councilmember Mann stated that he thinks that \$1000 would be ok, otherwise we should get bids. Councilmember Norrington asked if the footballs fields belonged to the City or still with the Board of Education. Mayor Day stated that they belong to the City. Mayor Day restated they the City has to have a survey to know for sure where the boundaries are.

Public Comments: Mr. Travis Cantrell stated that there used to be an Athletic Association. Mr. William Wells stated that if we do not lay claim, the law allows someone else to take possession after a certain period of time.

- Discussed amending code to make all Conditional Use zonings revert to original zoning status at close of Conditionally zoned business. Mayor Day stated that when we grant conditional use, it is a special permit and is not grandfathered in. Councilmember Mann asked if the zoning would stay the same if the business was sold. Mayor Day stated that this allows the Council to determine this when coming back before them. Councilmember Mann stated that a person would have to understand that if they did go out of business, they could not sell to someone as the

same business. Mayor Day stated that economic times have changed, Jonesboro Road used to be neighborhood commercial.

- Public Comments: None.
- Discussed Archway Clayton partnership. Mayor Day stated that the City belonged to the partnership at one time. Councilmember Wiggins inquired if the membership fee is \$5000. Mayor Day answered yes. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the City never really got anything out of the partnership. Councilmember Sebo stated that she is a supporter of Archway. Mayor Day advised that Lake City is no longer participating. Councilmember Sebo stated that she thinks we should look a little further into this partnership. Councilmember Mann stated that he would like to know what they provide and Councilmember Sebo explained that you have to provide them with the information regarding what your needs are. Mayor Day stated that Clayton Archway can help with public health benefits, there is one facility open now and another will be opening in the future, that would keep people from using the emergency room at hospitals as a doctor's office, also they work with code enforcement officers meeting once a month and they can provide design services with our parks. Mayor Day stated that if the council decides to accept this, she will make sure the city gets their money's worth. Councilmember Sebo stated that other services that are provided are architectural & design, which they did for the Train Depot. Mayor Day stated that Archway has a political gathering and that can assist in helping the City better itself, the president of Clayton State is the Chairman this year. There is a lot of good that comes from networking with all of these groups.

Public Comments: None

Other discussion: Mayor Day stated that the Employee Handbook states that when an employee is on jury duty, they must relinquish their \$25 court pay to the city, and she would like to know if the Council would like to leave this as is or change the Handbook. Mayor Day stated that this issue had not been enforced over the previous four years. Councilmember Wiggins asked if the employees are paid by the City as if they worked. Mayor Day stated yes. Councilmember Norrington stated that the employees should be allowed to keep the money for serving. Mayor Day asked the Council to think about this to be voted on at regular meeting.

Mayor Day advised that there is an individual who wants to donate property that is just a lot, to the city on North McDonough Street.

Mr. Travis Cantrell stated that the Code Enforcement Officer needs to look at 614 Fayetteville Road where the empty lot is needs to be cleaned up and there are abandoned houses that are not up to code, and also abandoned vehicles sitting around.

Mr. William Wells asked if the \$5000 for the Archway Partnership was for anything and that the City should be very aware of what it is used for. Mr. Wells also inquired if there would be committees receiving funding without being monitored.

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK