

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

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

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

Staff Present: Pat Daniel – Assistant City Clerk.

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

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed loss of Radar Detection certification effective 12/31/2012, and the purchase of two tag readers. Mayor Day asked Chief Allen to present information concerning this issue. Chief Allen stated that there has been lack of communication with the county regarding the renewal of the speed detection permit and it is set to expire at midnight on 12/31/12. Chief Allen stated that the tag reader trial phase was very successful and that the unit that the City purchased has paid for itself. Since inception from July 3, 2012 to July 31, 2012, the Police Department has intercepted 73 expired tags, 107 suspended registrations, 56 no insurance, 15 suspended license, 1 wrongful class of license, 6 expired license, 6 no tags, 3 misrepresented tags, 2 safety restraints, and 1 open container which evolved from traffic stops. The tag reader also allowed the Jonesboro Police department to apprehend 9 wanted persons, recover 5 stolen vehicles and impound 89 vehicles. Our Police Department needs two additional units to continue serving our citizens and to assure their safety. Chief Allen also stated that only having a unit on one car is putting excessive wear and tear on the vehicle as it is used on all shifts. Chief Allen stated that he is requesting the money to be issued from the general fund account. The units will cost \$37,950 for both. Chief Allen stated that these additional units are crucial to serve our community and to aid our in preparation of possibly losing our speed detection permit. Mayor Day stated that all of the tag readers would not be used for traffic only, stating that Police presence would always be seen in our neighborhoods.

Public Comments: None

- Discussed exchange of vacation time to pay by employees. Mayor Day stated that the department heads had issued their proposals in writing and Mayor Day provided the council with copies and also read them to the public. Mayor Day stated that the employee handbook reads that no more than 360 hours of personal leave may be accrued. Adding to the discussion, Mayor Day stated that the proposals made by the department heads for cashing out of vacation pay are as follows: max 40 hours per calendar year with no reason, then it would need to be for an emergency, hardship, medical or school financial needs, with department head and Mayor approval. This procedure is needed in order to budget efficiently. Councilmember asked what happens to the time if you go over the 360 hours. Mayor Day stated that it is not clarified in the handbook. Councilmember Mann suggested that we should follow the plan set up by the department heads. All employees will sign for the receipt of the new policy and the handbook will be changed.
- Public Comments: None.
- Discussed the purchase of a grill for the City. Mayor Day asked for discussion from the council. Councilmember Sebo asked who would be maintaining the grill and where it would be stored. Mayor Day stated that Public Works would maintain and store it.

Public Comments: Billy Powell stated that when the City has events such as Jonesboro Days, we have to borrow a grill from the county and this year they denied us. Mr. Powell stated that besides Jonesboro days, there are concerts, Christmas Parade and Neighborhood Watch events. Mayor Day appointed Councilmember's Compton, Mann and Norrington as a committee team to research the need and acquire reasonable prices.

- Discussed conditional zoning provisions. Mayor Day stated that she had talked to the city attorney and he says that conditional zoning is like rezoning, it applies to the property under Georgia law. The city attorney advised that the city can put provisions/conditions on the conditional use permit at the time of approval, such as no other business of the same type without coming before council, or if not reopened after a certain number of days as the same type business, the property would revert back to the original zoning.

Public Comments: None

- Discussed preliminary budget 2013. Mayor Day stated that she has given an informational worksheet to all the council members to study. Among the things to be looked at are cost of living increases, additional pay of insurance premiums, a K-9 unit, building maintenance, car buying policy, equipment purchasing, educational training, concerts, updating of the city website and numerous other items.

Public Comments: None

Mayor Day asked if there was any other discussion. Councilmember Sebo stated that she has received information from Arts Clayton pertaining to the last Christmas

parade in 2008 and will meet with Councilmember Norrington. Mayor Day stated that a parade would be nice and maybe we could have it end at Lee Street Park.

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

PAT DANIEL - ASSISTANT CITY CLERK