

**CITY OF JONESBORO
COUNCIL WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 6, 2012**

The Mayor and Council for the City of Jonesboro held their monthly work session on Monday, February 6, 2012 at the Jonesboro Police Department, 170 S. Main Street at 6PM.

Council Members: Mayor Joy B. Day
Council Member Clarence Mann
Council Member Bobby Wiggins
Council Member Wallace Norrington
Council Member Joe Compton
Council Member Randy Segner
Council Member Pat Sebo

Staff members present were Sandra Meyers and Chief Franklin Allen.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6PM and explained the new policy on public comment after each agenda item is discussed by the Council. Everyone will be required to sign a comment sheet for each issue and there will be a three (3) minute time limit set.

Agenda Item 1: Mr. Roger Swint presented the request for a Conditional Use Permit for 252 N. Main Street (Swint's Feed and Garden). Each member was given information and a letter from Mr. Swint explaining their request to use a portion of the building for a church. There was a brief discussion concerning adequate parking and the members would meet on Sundays and Wednesday evenings only.

There were no comments from the public for this agenda item.

Agenda Item 2: Mayor Day explained the proposed amended Yard Sale Ordinance. This change will allow citizens to have no more than twelve (12) days per calendar year and for no more than three (3) consecutive days. This will not affect the city-wide yard sale allowed twice a year.

Mr. David Barron stated that he makes chairs and swings and would like to occasionally sell them on week-ends. He asked if he would be required to purchase a permit. Mayor Day answered that she would research this and let him know.

There were no additional comments from the public.

Agenda Item 3: Mayor Day discussed **Georgia Cities Week** that is part of Georgia Municipal Association, where they ask cities across the State to participate each year. This year it is scheduled for April 22-28 and will be called **The Magic of Cities**. Mayor Day ask if the members were interested in participating this year, she would order the resource kit provided by GMA.

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There was a discussion concerning events that could be scheduled, locations that could be used, someone to chair this program and getting volunteers. It was the consensus of Council to have the Mayor order the resource kit.

Ms. Barbara Emert, representing Stately Oaks, spoke in favor of the city participating and that maybe it could link with their Native American Heritage Days.

Mr. Carl Hinton also spoke in favor of this project and asked if this could be combined with Jonesboro Days.

There were no further comments from the public.

Agenda Item 4: Mayor Day stated that we need to make a decision on which date to hold the Jonesboro Day celebration this year, possibly April 28th or May 19th.

Mr. Compton discussed possibly changing the location and doing something different this year. He suggested that we might do a chili cook-off, possibly have a concert, etc. He would like to plan something that would bring in more people.

Ms. Sebo stated that the blacksmith that came last year would be interested in coming again this year and Mr. Norrington suggested that we use the park behind City Hall.

Mayor Day asked for a decision on the date at the next meeting and reminded members that we also need to have someone chair this event.

Mr. Billy Powell spoke in favor of making changes with Jonesboro Days, that the crowds are smaller each year and he thinks we need to do something difference before it dies from lack of interest. He also stated that he is in favor of changing the Yard Sale Ordinance.

Mr. Powell also commented on the deterioration of a lot of properties inside the city and asked if there are any plans on getting them cleaned up.

Mayor Day explained that we are in the process of condemning some of these properties and that it is a slow process. She does not want our city of have the problems that East Point is having.

Agenda Item 5: Mr. Michael Goldin of C Beyond (a communication company) was present on a proposal for telephone service for the City Hall and Police Department. Mr. Goldin stated that they have been in

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business for eleven (11) years and they deal a lot with small businesses and have recently been working with small municipalities. They feel that they can save the City money based on our bills from AT & T.

There was a lengthy discussion concerning their services and fees. This item is postponed until other cities are contacted and a new contract proposal is received from AT & T.

Agenda Item 6: Officer Charles Kimbell was present concerning his request to be granted permanent custody of a .22 caliber North American Arms revolver that was used against him in a shooting incident on September 15, 2002.

Officer Kimbell stated that he had been using the gun for training purposes. He has also had the gun and a bullet casing framed as well as a plate made showing the date, time and place of the incident at his own expense. He was requested to turn the gun back in for inventory purposes in July 2010. He has written several letters since then requesting permanent custody or ownership.

There were no comments or questions from the public.

There was a brief discussion concerning the public restrooms at Massengale Park. Mr. Compton suggested that maybe residents could purchase a key if we are going to keep it locked but we need to have this issue resolved.

There was no further business and the motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Mann and the second for the motion was made by Mr. Norrington. The vote was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mayor Joy Day

Sandra Meyers, Finance Officer