

**CITY OF JONESBORO
CALLED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
MARCH 26TH, 2012 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Called meeting on Monday, March 26th, 2011. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Police Department, 170 South Main Street.

Council Present: Joy B. Day - Mayor
Clarence Mann – Councilmember - absent
Wallace Norrington - Councilmember
Pat Sebo – Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins – Councilmember - absent
Joe Compton – Councilmember
Randy Segner - Councilmember

Staff Present - Pat Daniel – Assistant City Clerk.

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

The invocation was given by Councilmember Norrington.

Mayor Day asked the Council to reconsider deleting item B for a later date. Approved. [*Motion: Compton, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous.*]

A. Atlanta Jazz Festival Concert (Councilmember Sebo).

Mayor Day called for discussion. Councilmember Sebo stated that approximately four weeks ago she was approached by the Clarion Hotel about the Jazz Festival. The Hotel has one at their location and one at Piedmont Park. The City of Jonesboro has hosted this event once and it went well. We have been asked to be a venue at no cost to the City. We would have to bring in our own talent. I have been in contact with Mount Zion Magnet School which has a jazz band and Dr. Hines at Clayton State who has a jazz program. I also received a phone call from a county worker who plays jazz. I have been contacted by many and I advised them that the city has no money, but that we would like to be listed in May 12th advertisements. The Clarion Hotel has offered a donation if we agree to participate and will promote us. They will donate five hundred bottles of water for the Neighborhood Watch committee to sell at the concert. This would be a great opportunity to promote our city. The Jazz Festival has been in existence for 35 years. The festival runs for thirty one days.

Mayor Day stated that she spoke to Wade Starr concerning the city borrowing the stage for this event, and he said it would not be a problem. Councilmember Sebo stated that she has big names interested in participating but that the city is not able to pay them. Mayor Day called for questions from the Council. Councilmember Norrington asked if it would be held in our park. Councilmember Sebo answered no, that it would be held on the Courthouse lawn. Councilmember Compton suggested that it would be nice in the Lee Street Park if the county does decide to give the park back to the City. Mayor Day advised that that the best option would be to have it at the Courthouse. Councilmember Norrington stated that there is a lot of seating at the football field and plenty of parking, and also he inquired about the prior festival. Councilmember Sebo stated that it went very well and there was plenty of parking. Councilmember Norrington inquired again concerning the cost asking if this was free. Councilmember Sebo stated that the Showbiz Company had helped us in the past. So they may help us with the sound portion of the event and he also has a jazz group. I just need a commitment to get the ball rolling. Mayor Day stated that she approves and asked if there will be vendors. Councilmember Sebo stated that Ann & Bills restaurant said they would in interested in providing pre-paid dinner boxes for sale to be picked up at the Firehouse Museum. Mayor Day asked if there is any objection from the Jazz Festival as to the Neighborhood Watch Committee selling water at the venue. Councilmember Sebo answered no. All of the Councilmembers present, approved. Councilmember Norrington expressed his commitment for the festival this year and in the future as long as there is very minimal money involved. Councilmember Sebo stated that there are people that want to sponsor this event. Mayor Day advised that she is very aware of this festival and it is a very organized event. Councilmember Segner added that to be associated with the Atlanta Jazz Festival is prestigious.

Mayor Day called for questions or comments. There were none.

Mayor Day called for a motion to be a participant in the Atlanta Jazz Festival. Approved. [*Motion: Compton, 2nd: Segner, Vote: Unanimous.*]

Mayor Day called for a motion to adjourn. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Sebo, Vote: Unanimous.*]

Joy B. Day, Mayor

Pat Daniel, Assistant City Clerk