

CITY OF JONESBORO
WORK SESSION MINUTES
MARCH 5th, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Monday, March 5th, 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
Joe Compton, Councilmember
Pat Sebo, Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins, Councilmember
Randy Segner, Councilmember

Staff Present: Joe Nettleton- Public Works Director, and City Clerk – Janice Truhan.

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

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed amending line items in 2012 budget. The City received a check in excess of \$76,760.36 over the 2012 budget. Discussion ensued. Councilmember Compton stated that he was not aware where that money actually came from, he thought we were under budget from the previous year. Mayor Day stated no, it looks like we are \$60,000 to the good from last year. Councilmember Segner stated that \$60,000 was estimated last year. Mayor Day stated that we received \$246,760.36, that is in excess of \$76,760.36. Councilmember Segner asked why did we receive more? Mayor Day asked Ms. Truhan why and she stated that the Clayton County Juvenile Center was not included last year. Mayor Day stated that we can keep it in the general fund. Councilmember Mann asked if we can draw it out of the general fund. Mayor Day stated that it would be kept in general reserves until the end of the year. Councilmember Compton stated that since there is not enough money for the police radios; why not use it for that purpose. Mayor Day asked the council which line items they would want to amend. Councilmember Sebo stated that the website needs improving. The City should be able to advertise tours for Tara Museum, post businesses for sale or rent and many other things of interest and at this time we are not able to do things. Mayor Day stated this is definitely needed, but not sure of the cost involved. Councilmember Compton suggested using college students. Mayor Day stated that we would need a relationship with whoever we use to add updates from time to time, and add links to access our forms. Councilmember Sebo stated that she would like to post photos of City events showing that we are a friendly town. Councilmember Segner asked if we have web support now. Ms. Truhan answered yes, Expert Computers. Mayor Day stated that she always checks websites before

she goes anywhere, such as when she recently went to Fernbank. Their site had all their activities and other information on their website. Mayor Day asked if there were any other suggestions. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the Christmas light cables still need to be buried. Mayor Day stated that this project has already been budgeted but not for ornaments. Mayor Day asked Council to mark through proposed suggestions and put line item numbers down for Christmas decorations, and other ideas they may have. Councilmember Compton asked when Phase II of Streetscape would be completed. Mayor Day stated that it would probably be one year, and it will start this summer. Councilmember Compton stated that Streetscape may alter some of our decorations in the future. Mayor Day stated that we can always use a few new decorations. Councilmember Wiggins stated more than a few. Councilmember Wiggins posed a question regarding saving money. Our Hummer is being stored, is there a storage fee? Mayor Day stated no. Councilmember Sebo stated that Civic Plus does websites. Mayor Day urged the council members to look at other websites like Holly Springs and Decatur. They are very good for the citizens.

- Public Comments: Mr. Barron stated that he does not understand the surplus from Georgia Power, what is it? Mayor Day stated that it is a franchise fee that is required by law to pay municipalities for the service that vendor's provide the city. Mr. Barron asked if the City receives this every year. Mayor Day answered yes. Mr. Barron suggested putting a couple of thousand dollars in the Neighborhood Watch Program. Mayor Day stated that her worksheet has it proposed there. Mr. Barron stated that he hopes they approve it. Mr. Bruce suggested spending some of the money on decorations on North Main Street. Mr. Wells stated that during the Christmas Holidays, he was in Covington, McDonough and Locust Grove and their cities are decorated beautifully. They have activities on Friday and Saturday nights and restaurants. It would be wise of the City of Jonesboro to talk to the other cities Mayors and residents. Mayor Day stated that she knew of the French Market in Locust Grove which is very nice. Ms. Carr stated that putting the Neighborhood Watch in the budget would go back into the city for many functions. This support would fund cookouts and many other activities. This came out of the Police Departments budget previously. We had sixty two people at the cookout. We pass out flyers asking for participation. This is very important to have. We are taking part in the community. Our bank account has \$16.66 and as the treasurer, adding that she spent \$20 out of her own pocket. Councilmember Segner stated that it would be helpful to recognize those who help with this project at the Council meetings.
- Discussed preliminary information pertaining to Georgia Cities week. Councilmember Sebo stated that Georgia Municipal Association sent out packets for the Elementary and Middle schools for Georgia Cities week for kindergarten to third grade and middle school age. There will be a Mock City Council learning about local government. There will be Certificates, presentations, and tours of historical sites. The Clayton County Visitors Bureau is interested and has posters that are laminated with the Magic of City's theme. City Hall and the Clayton County Visitors Bureau will have a magician /clown available the day at the Jonesboro Days celebration. Mayor Day thanked Councilmember Sebo and called for any other comments.
- Public Comments: None.

- Discussed preliminary information pertaining to Jonesboro Days. Mayor Day stated that the Jonesboro Days celebration will last four hours, and the date is April 28th, 2012. Councilmember Compton asked if there would be a concert at the end of the day and suggested activities such as: chili cook off (behind City Hall), bake sales with proceeds going to the Humane Society for animal awareness, Stately Oaks and Clayton County Visitors Bureau giving free entry, pro basketball players, low impact aerobics, hoping that the Methodist Church will allow us to use their gym. Mayor Day called for any other ideas and for volunteers.
- Public Comments: None.
- Discussed AT & T bid for telephone services vs. Cbeyond bid. Ms. Truhan stated that she does not support Cbeyond due to research. Mayor Day stated that AT&T lowered their bid because we were looking at other companies. Councilmember Segner asked if the city was looking at the domain services they provide? We need an IT consultant to guide us. Possible other providers such as Windstream and Earthlink. Mayor Day asked the council if they wanted consultants. Councilmember Segner answered yes and suggested David Harbin. He is not Microsoft certified, but we can look at other vendors. Ms. Truhan stated that we currently do not have a contact and that is why we are paying a higher rate. Ms. Truhan suggested talking to Expert Computers for suggestions. Councilmember Segner suggested setting up a committee for this project. Mayor Day called for volunteers. Councilmember Segner and Councilmember Sebo volunteered.
- Public Comments: None
- Discussed Conditional Use request for Jonesboro Shopping Center, LLC, Suite 111, Jonesboro, GA 30236 for a Church. Reverend Randall Williams of the House of Exodus Christian Church, with a membership of fifty. This is a small Church and had been in Fayetteville for three years. We are looking to enlarge and we have found the Jonesboro Shopping Center and want to bring something good to Jonesboro. We want to bring a Christian organization here and bring something good to this community. We will be having choir competitions with other Churches, Gospel comedy without profanity, wholesome entertainment and poetry. Stone Mountain is doing the same thing, good gospel poetry that was amazing, and resurrection plays. Our services will be held from 10:30am to 12:30pm. We will have three production nights from 7:30pm to no later than 11:00pm. I am asking you to give us a chance to move something good to Clayton County. Mayor Day called for questions from the council. Councilmember Sebo stated that she applauds Rev Williams for what he is doing and that we have lots of Churches in our 2.2 square miles. Reverend Williams stated that Church services will be for a short time. For profit not a non-profit. Reverend Williams church services, held at 101 Kinwood Rd., Fayette County. Mayor Day asked why they were moving. Reverend Williams answered that they are over capacity and need to expand. We are looking at property in Forest Park for our new Church but until built, this will be our temporary Church. Councilmember Sebo advised that moving into a location with other businesses cause legal semantics limiting what other businesses are allowed to come in. Originally wanted to put in a

production company. Councilmember Compton asked what part of the shopping center? Reverend Williams stated it is suite 111 and is in the presentation with a drawing of the proposed location. Councilmember Segner inquired if they were incorporated as a non-profit or profit. The Church is non-profit, but the production company is for profit. Councilmember Segner stated that there are actually two businesses. They would have to go in as a Church and then change to a production company once they move their Church to the new location. Councilmember Sebo suggested the old Ingles Shopping Center adding that it is a much bigger location with ample parking. Councilmember Sebo asked Reverend Williams if he had looked at any other locations. Reverend Williams stated that he spoke with the other businesses in the shopping center and no one expressed concern.

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

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK