

**CITY OF JONESBORO
WORKSESSION MINUTES
NOVEMBER 13th, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Work Session on Tuesday, November 13th, 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 - ABSENT
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 Homestead Exemption. Mayor Day stated that the council should look at the possibility of lowering the Homestead exemption and provided handouts that included different options for the council to use as a reference guide. Mayor Day stated that the process to proceed with this would include making a Resolution to the State Legislature, submitting to the State General Assembly. Mayor Day advised that if the council is interested in going forward, the Resolution would have to be made in December.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed City Clean Up fee. Mayor Day provided information to the council regarding the number of customers that are currently enrolled in the city sanitation program. Mayor Day stated that there have been numerous court cases of citizens dumping in other residents cans and at some of the businesses dumpsters. Mayor Day suggested giving one month free to customers who would pay for a full year in advance. Retail property would be billed yearly and empty houses would be exempt. Councilmember Wiggins stated that a full time person would be needed for sanitation at City Hall if the City wide requirement for participation takes place, and that Public Works would need at least one additional part time employee.
- Public Comments – NONE.

- Discussed fees for rental of Lee Street Park. Mayor Day stated that if the City decides to rent the Park out to football teams, they would need to be insured. Councilmember Sebo suggested that it would be nice to install a pavilion, Councilmember Norrington added that if that was done the City could hold Jonesboro Days there. Councilmember Segner stated that the Park is a great asset to the City. Mayor Day agreed.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed Community Garden. Mayor Day stated that she would like to set up a planning committee and that the first order of business is to find a good place to have the garden. Further, it needs to have access to water, should be a 10 x 12 plot and have a tool shed. Mayor Day stated that Forest Park, Rex and Morrow have these gardens and they are a great asset to the community.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed Habitat for Humanity Project. Mayor Day stated that it would be wonderful if we were able to get help with some of the properties in the city that have been neglected. Mayor Day also stated that the city may be able to get some grants to tear down some structures that need to be condemned. Mayor Day stated that Community Development Block Grant has a program for rehabing projects and she will look into this option.
- Public Comments – NONE.

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 6:50 pm.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

PAT DANIEL – ASSISTANT CITY CLERK