

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

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held their monthly Work Session on Tuesday, November 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 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 Pat Daniel – Assistant City Clerk.

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

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed bids for copier service. Mayor Day stated that the City received three bids. Councilmember Wiggins asked if we were going to lease or purchase. Ms. Daniel answered that we were going to lease. Mayor Day stated that the new service will have color ability. Councilmember Sebo asked if we would be able to produce the Newsletter on this copier. Mayor Day advised that it could be done, but would be more time consuming and would not cost any less than we pay to have it printed.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed purchase of Code Enforcement truck – (refunding DEA). Mayor Day stated that the City is required to refund the DEA Fund because the truck was purchased originally with DEA funds. Ms. Meyers proposed that we use \$12,800 from the excess of \$30,000 in revenue for insurance services and pay the Police Department. Mayor Day stated that Code Enforcement has moved to City Hall so this is just a transfer of money, the money will go back into the DEA Fund.
- Public Comments – NONE.

- Discussed purchasing two benches for the Police Department lobby. Mayor Day stated that she would like to replace the worn out furniture in the lobby of the Police Department. Mayor Day suggested that two, 6 or 7 foot long wooden benches would be better suited for the lobby with no material on them to wear out and look unsightly. Mayor Day advised that contingency funds could be used for this. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the Police department needs a roof more than benches just to look pretty.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed bids for windows and kitchen door for City Hall. Joe Nettleton explained that he has received three bids for this project but that they are so far apart, he is not sure they are all looking at the same issues. Councilmember Compton asked how many windows we are talking about. Mr. Nettleton stated that there are 9 windows and 1 door. Councilmember Segner advised Mr. Nettleton that there are laws concerning buildings that were built before 1978 regarding lead paint.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed ordinance regarding Conditional zoning revisions. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he would prefer zero days turn around when a new business comes in. Councilmember Compton inquired what was recommended by the City Attorney. Mayor Day stated that Mr. Fincher said 90 days. Mayor Day stated that the Council can set their own number of days so this is open for suggestions, but this needs to be resolved by putting it in an Ordinance and voting on it.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed rezoning property at 9140 Turner Road. Mayor Day stated that the zoning will not change, it will just be annexed into the City as its original use.
- Public Comments – Carolyn Fryza asked that the City Council to please place requirements that will not allow them to stay open all night and on holidays. Ms. Fryza stated that she knows it is the business but it is very distracting to the residents. Ms. Fryza stated that she has also witnessed the Wrecker Company burning tires. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he would like to place restrictions that would include 150 ft. buffers, a privacy fence and Leland Cypress trees. Mayor Day suggested that the City needs to talk to Johnny Thornton next door to the Wrecker Company because it is his business that is a junk yard. Mayor Day stated that the Junk Yard needs to be cleaned up and the cars crushed. Councilmember Mann stated that he would like to see the wrecker company do what they can to help with the noise problem.
- Discussed report from the committee regarding the bids for city storage building. Joe Nettleton stated that he has 2 bids for the project and has put out information to obtain more bids. Mr. Nettleton stated that one of the contractors is concerned about

the location where it would be placed. Mr. Nettleton explained that the building would be completely dry and would have heating and air, no sheetrock, built on slab, insulated and Mr. Nettleton stated that he would install shelves inside.

- Public Comments – Mr. William Wells asked if there would be a humidifier in the building. Mayor Day stated that it would have heating and air. Mr. Walter Fryza advised to get bigger than you think you need so that you don't out grow it. Councilmember Segner asked if it was going to be heated by a heat pump. Mr. Nettleton stated that it would have a unit mounted to the wall like you see in hotels.
- Discussed acceptance of Rose Garden from Ab Dickson. Mayor Day read a letter from Mr. Dickson regarding he wishes to donate this resting place for babies to the City. Mayor Day advised the Council of the size of the property that it is located on, and she read a list of obligations that the City would have to comply with if the Council decides to accept the property. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he was against taking the property because he thinks it would have too many problems. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the parking would be an issue and that the fountain needs repair. Mayor Day stated that if the City does not take the property it will only continue to deteriorate because Mr. Dickson is in very bad health and can not take care of it. Mayor Day reminded the Council that the property is on the main road in the very heart of the City and it looks bad.
- Public Comments – Ms. Nancy Carr stated that she would like to see the City accept this property because it is very important to mothers whose babies died after birth and they cannot afford to bury them, this is where they are allowed to place the cremations. Mr. William Wells stated that many other cities have places like this and it would be a very positive thing. Ms. Carolyn Fryza stated that she goes there to sit and pray on many occasions and it is very special to people who have lost a child. Ms. Fryza asked the Council to consider this offer. Mayor Day explained that the City does have spots in the City Cemetery dedicated as "Baby Land".
- Discussed new roof for Police Department. Mr. Nettleton asked the Mayor and Council for permission to proceed with getting the roof fixed although it has not been voted on yet. Mr. Nettleton explained that weather is a concern and that we need to get started before it is too cold or more rain comes. Mayor Day and the Council authorized Mr. Nettleton to get started.

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK

