

CITY OF JONESBORO
PUBLIC HEARING/ WORKSESSION MINUTES
OCTOBER 1st, 2012 – 6:00 p.m.

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held the 2nd in a series of three Public Hearings and their monthly Work Session on Monday, October 1st, 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: Janice Truhan – City Clerk and Sandra Meyers – Finance Clerk.

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

PUBLIC HEARING – MILLAGE RATE

Mayor Day explained homestead exemption versus no homestead exemption and distributed a handout with examples what taxes would be accordingly.

Public Comments: Mr. William Wells commented that he is taking care of a house that is part of an estate for rental property. Mayor Day advised Mr. Wells that the property is probably not worth \$40,000 or \$50,000 and the County does the appraisals. Councilmember Segner stated that the newspaper article from Clayton News-Daily regarding the City millage rate was incorrect. Sandra Meyers stated that she had to supply a five year tax history at it shows there is a small point increase from all assessments. Ms. Meyers stated that rental property taxes are down, agriculture is up, commercial is down, utilities are down, appraisals are down, industrial is down, motor vehicles down, no timber this year and the gross digest is down. Councilmember Compton stated that his understanding is that the amount of actual taxable property increased by 11% but the millage rate did not. Mayor Day closed the Public Hearing.

Mayor Day declared the hearing closed.

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed a “no turn on red” sign to be placed North bound on South Main Street at College Street. Councilmember Wiggins stated there is a turn light but that cars cannot get southbound to go northbound on South Main Street. Vehicles cannot get out from College Street onto Main Street. Councilmember Mann suggested a yield on red sign. Councilmember Compton asked if cars turning right on red have to yield to red light. Councilmember Norrington stated that it is a bad intersection. Councilmember Wiggins stated that defeats the purpose of having a turn light. Mayor Day stated that if you take a right on red, what is to stop them? Councilmember Compton asked if they are supposed to be yielding. Mayor Day stated that cars going left are what cause the problem. Councilmember Compton stated Hapeville has two streets next to their railroad tracks, so he took pictures and gave the Public Works Director. Councilmember Mann stated that Spring Street has a “no turn on red” across railroad tracks. Councilmember Wiggins stated we need that at College Street and South Main Street. Mayor Day asked who did the no turn sign. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he thought that during the Streetscape project, it was put it up. Councilmember Segner stated that the parking lines in front of the Methodist Church are not marked. Councilmember Sebo asked if traffic issue in these areas are more impacted weekends or every day of the week. Councilmember Wiggins stated that it is every day. Councilmember Sebo stated that there are traffic issues on Church Street because cars are parked on Church Street on Sundays instead of using the parking lots. Mayor Day called for public comments.
- Public Comments: Mayor Day stated that there is no “u” turn next to the old Hardee’s location but people do it every day. Mr. Travis Cantrell said that cars do “u” turns in front of his house on Fayetteville Road. Councilmember Segner stated that vehicles cut through his business office parking lot and it is private property.

Mayor Day stated that the Council members will get a copy of the Conditional use zoning ordinance that was voted on, you will notice that it has blanks to fill in as decided on. Mayor Day stated that she will talk to the Council about this vote regarding 30 days and she will have the city attorney advise us.

Mayor Day stated that the Department Heads will receive their 2012 budgets formally and to refer to the schedule. On October 15th Councilmembers will be given the opportunity to meet with department heads, if any council members are available to attend the meetings, they will be held at City Hall. No more than 3 council members can be present at a time. Wallace Norrington asked

what had happened to annexation. Ms. Turner stated someone rezoned her land. Mayor Day asked who did this. Ms. Turner stated that the city did. Ms. Turner stated that H2 affects how she would sell it. Janice Truhan stated that Historical zoning will actually improve the value of your home. Councilmember Mann questioned the status of the additional tag reader because the council has not been issued a copy of the working figures. Mayor Day stated that on court days, there is standing room only, 88% of fines and forfeitures derived from this.

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK