

**CITY OF JONESBORO**  
**WORKSESSION MINUTES**  
**JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Worksession on Monday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2013. 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:** Janice Truhan – City Clerk, Joe Nettleton – Public Works Director, and Chief Allen.

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

**WORKSESSION ITEMS:**

- Discussed addition of four Police Officers. Mayor Day opened the discussion with a statement regarding the assets that the City will acquire due to the Service delivery Strategy and the LOST Intergovernmental Agreements. Mayor Day stated that this along with the tag readers will help fund the hiring of 4 new officers. Mayor Day also stated that the City expects to receive \$347,000.00 in revenues due to the Service Delivery Strategy and Lost Agreements. Mayor Day stated that the Police department needed additional officers and introduced Chief Allen to lead the discussion. Chief Allen stated that prior to his appointment as Chief, there were 4 or 5 officers to a shift and due to many different reasons, some positions were eliminated. Chief Allen stated that he wants to stay proactive with accidents and speed reductions and show high visibility to the public. Chief Allen advised that in order to do this, the shift numbers would need to change by one or two in order to have coverage during time off periods where the shifts are short officers. Chief Allen stated that he and his Lieutenants have been covering shifts due to the personnel shortage, citing that the most effective course of action is to increase the number of officers to a shift to 4, and then Chief Allen asked the Council to give this matter serious thought and consideration. Councilmember Sebo stated she supports more Police presence in order to preserve safety in the City. Councilmember Segner asked about the morale in the department. Chief Allen stated that his would ask the Council to talk to some of the employees at the Police department because he feels that they are experiencing the best morale ever. Mayor Day added that the employees feel that they are supported by the Council. Councilmember Norrington

asked Chief Allen how his relationship was with the Clayton County Sherriff and Chief Allen answered, excellent.

- Public Comments – Mr. Helton stated that he supports the Police and what they need to do their jobs. Mr. Barron stated that you can never have too many Police Officers but you can have more than you can afford. Mr. Wells asked if in case of an emergency, the City can pull Officers from the Clayton County Police department or the Sherriff’s department. Mayor Day answered yes.
- Discussed Concert series for July, August and September. Councilmember Segner stated that there are some tentative plans in the works - Bill Turpin on July 27, 2013 with oldies music from 7 p.m. - 10 p.m., ARH on August 24, 2013 with progressive music from 7 p.m. – 10 p.m. and the Buggs on September 21, 2012 from 7 p.m. -10 p.m.
- Public Comments – Mr. Coleman stated that it is wonderful that the city is able to provide this entertainment.
- Discussed implementing policy of ‘no smoking’ on City property and parks; and posting signage ‘SMOKE FREE ZONE’. Mayor Day stated that the CDC has put out a flyer regarding the risks of second hand smoke and suggested that everyone go on the internet to <http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport> and get the information. Councilmember Wiggins asked if this was passed would it be enforced because the saggy pants ordinance has been enforced very little. Mr. Nettleton asked if this was just for the parks. Mayor Day answered that this would be effective on all city owned property. Chief Allen stated that the properties would be posted “SMOKE FREE ZONE”.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed updates and possible improvements to Lee Street Park. Mayor Day stated that the first meeting will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm as a brainstorming session and the unveiling of the new Lee Street Park survey. The next idea is to organize a park steering committee which would be made up of the City Clerk, the Public Works Director, the Code Enforcement Official, 2 Council members, 3 citizens and the Mayor as an adjunct member just for questions. Mayor Day stated that it would be good to look at other parks in different cities. Councilmember Sebo stated that we need to move on this because we have to borrow for our events and we are starting to use it a lot. Mr. Nettleton asked are we just talking about the football area. Mayor Day stated it would be for the entire park.
- Public Comments – Mr. Powell asked if the tennis courts and football fields could be redone. Mayor Day stated that the Clayton County School District is taking care of the tennis court remodel and they paid for the survey. Ms. Carr stated that Lee Street is a jewel in the making for the City. Mr. Bruce stated that several meetings ago the council discussed the need for a new place for City Hall, Public Works and the Police department, and he thinks that this would be a good location for the complex. Mr. Barron questioned the use of the Park during bad weather seasons. Mayor Day

stated that she would like to see an amphitheatre and fitness trails since Georgia has 10 good months of weather. Councilmember Sebo stated that she would like to see Christmas in the park.

- Discussed the Carriage Lane project. Mayor Day stated that bids were opened publicly - \$196,467.89 was a low bid and that the contractor wanted to discuss changing the orders up to \$30,000. Our attorney advised against this. The 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest bid was \$239,710.40, and the bids ranged over \$300,000.00. We would need to supplement this with SPLOST related funds of \$39,710.00 because the City only received \$200,000.00 from CDBG which does not cover all city supplements such as right-of-ways. Mayor Day stated that Stately Oaks is selling bricks to help with this project. Mayor Day stated that Ms. Tink Cooper also made a donation.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Considered motion to adjourn. [*Motion: Mann: 2<sup>nd</sup>, Compton, Vote: Unanimous*].

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**JOY B. DAY – MAYOR**

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**JANICE TRUHAN – CITY CLERK**