

**CITY OF JONESBORO  
WORKSESSION MINUTES  
AUGUST 5<sup>TH</sup>, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Worksession on Monday, August 5<sup>th</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, Mayor Pro Tem  
Bobby Wiggins, Councilmember  
Randy Segner, Councilmember

**Staff Present:** Janice Truhan – City Clerk, Hydee Griffin – Administrative Assistant, Lt. Lumpkin, Lt. Bradshaw and Chief Allen.

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

**WORKSESSION ITEMS:**

- Discussed proposals for IT in a box. Mayor Day introduced Randy Weaver with Georgia Municipal Association to present and explain IT in a Box. Mayor Pro Tem Sebo asked Mr. Weaver to first explain to the citizens present, what IT in a Box is. Mayor Day read aloud the overview that has been presented to the City. Mr. Weaver advised that the website is inclusive and will be newly built for the City with no start up fees and no charge for future upgrades. Mr. Weaver explained that there is also unlimited storage and back up features. Also, as open records requests come in to the city and are on a computer, they can be passed on to us and we will retrieve all information pertaining to this. We then can pass them back to the City at no additional fee. Mr. Weaver stated that the Help Desk is open seven days a week. We would get three bids when new equipment is needed to insure that you are able to get the best equipment for you. Mr. Weaver stated that he has introduced three proposals for the City to review and that the Council has copies. Ms. Truhan asked Mr. Weaver to explain the difference between full user and email only. Mr. Weaver stated that a full user is someone whose job consists of 90% use on the computer and if their system went down they are able to call in for full support. Email only is for individuals whose job does not depend on the computer solely and they can call in for support as well on email issues. Chief Allen stated that IT in a Box was supposed to meet with him to assess the needs of the Police Department and it did not happen. Chief Allen stated that as a result of that and from hearing the proposal, he is able to confirm that this is not acceptable for their needs. Mr. Weaver stated that he would make an appointment for the assessment of the Police Departments needs in the next week. Mayor Pro Tem Sebo asked about the security issues of the

systems. Mr. Weaver explained that they are GCIC compliant and all data will be encrypted. Also top of the line firewalls and virus protection is provided as well and all data information stays in the United States. Mayor Pro Tem Sebo asked how many servers would be covered. Mr. Weaver answered one server for City Hall and six for public safety. Mr. Weaver explained all of the features that would be available for the City website. Councilmember Wiggins asked how many cities they are currently serving. Mr. Weaver stated that they are serving nineteen and named a few as examples.

- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed entering into a license agreement with AT & T for one year regarding 100 parking spaces on the city lot, at West Mill Street. Mayor Day stated that she has been contacted by AT & T to rent 40 spaces of the city parking lot and that there are 98 spaces with an additional 6 handicapped spaces. They have been mapped to show that the city would still have plenty of space for our Farmers Market and other activities. Mayor Day stated that she provided copies of the email that she received from Mike Williams at our attorney's office about entering into a contract parking license agreement with AT & T to rent 40 spaces at \$40.00 per space at \$1600.00 per month. The contracted number of spaces can be increased/decreased or the contract can be dissolved by either party with a 60 day notice. Councilmember Wiggins asked how many days a week they will be used. Mayor Day stated that the payment is by the month and Ms. Truhan stated that the spaces will be used 6 days a week. Councilmember Wiggins asked how the spaces would be presented. Mayor Day stated that AT & T would be responsible for the signage used to designate the spaces.
- Public Comments – Mr. Wells asked that the City leave space for the tour bus when they come through with visitors. Mr. Lester asked if the City would be liable for the cars that are parked there. Mayor Day stated that she would look in that.
- Discussed city cleanup fee \$180.00 per year added to tax bills (\$165.00 if paid yearly). Mayor Day stated that she has provided the Council with follow up information from January 2013. Mayor Day confirmed that empty properties would be exempt and explained all the monies involved with this project. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the \$57,000.00 profit should be higher and the initial purchase of the additional cans. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he would like to see the residents with Homestead exemption be able to continue to pay quarterly or by the year leaving rental properties to pay on the tax bill. Mayor Day stated that there would be issues with collecting bad debt and trying to keep up with who is being billed by the year or quarterly. Councilmember Segner asked if cleanup fee meant that all residents would have garbage service. Mayor Day explained that there are many residents that don't have service and some of them throw it in the back yard. Councilmember Mann stated they we are going back to the days when we had Robertson Sanitation and enforcing the citizens to do something they do not want. Mayor Day stated that the council will need to make this determination.

- Public Comments – Mr. Helton said this should be voted on by the citizens. Mr. Grider stated that he opposes this and that the city is forcing people to pay for something that they do not want. Ms. Lester asked if it was possible to just charge for the street cleaning. Mayor Day stated that the council can decide what they want to do.
- Considered motion to enter Executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel matters. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington: 2<sup>nd</sup>, Segner, Vote: Unanimous*].
- Considered motion to resume regular meeting. Approved. [*Motion: Mann: 2<sup>nd</sup>, Segner, Vote: Unanimous*].
- Considered vote, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session. No vote taken.
- Considered motion to adjourn. Approved. [*Motion: Segner: 2<sup>nd</sup>, Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

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**JOY B. DAY – MAYOR**

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**JANICE TRUHAN – CITY CLERK**