

**CITY OF JONESBORO
CALLED MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 7th, 2013 – 6:25 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Worksession on Monday, January 7th, 2013. The meeting was held at 6:25 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.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 6:25 p.m.

CALLED MEETING ITEM:

- Discussed the amount to be placed on the resolution that will be given to Representative Mike Glanton to pass to the Legislature so that the City will be able to move forward with a referendum. Mayor Day stated that the Council has been issued a sample chart to examine regarding the different exemption amounts. All residents would continue to get the \$10,000.00 home exemption from the county if it is their primary residence. Councilmember Wiggins asked how much this would help the City. Mayor Day advised that the \$20,000.00 really would not be of much help to the city since that average property in the city is worth around \$50,000.00, and is open for suggestions. Councilmember Segner asked if they were just deciding what number to put in the resolution. Mayor Day answered yes. Councilmember Sebo stated that she is not opposed to lowering the city exemption to \$10,000.00 as the County does. Councilmember Compton stated that he has no issues as long as the people vote. Mayor Day stated that if the residence is worth \$50,000.00, the City tax would be \$15.00 if we decide on \$10,000.00 homestead exemption. Councilmember Wiggins stated that it will help the businesses if the residents are also paying, it will keep the milage rate from going up. Councilmember Compton asked how many properties were in the city. Mayor Day stated that according to the tax digest, there are 2,219. Councilmember Sebo stated that she wants to make sure that the residents are educated concerning the process and exactly what the outcome means. Mayor Day stated that the process would take about a year to complete and no matter what we decide, it does not mean it will be approved in the legislature.

Mayor Day called for a motion to place \$10,000.00 on the Resolution for the Homestead Exemption. [*Motion: Wiggins, 2nd, Compton, Vote: Yea: Wiggins, Norrington, Compton, Segner, Sebo, Nay: Mann*].

Mayor Day called for motion to adjourn. [*Motion: Wiggins, 2nd: Compton, Vote: Unanimous*].

Mayor Day adjourned the meeting at 8:00 pm.

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN – CITY CLERK