

**CITY OF JONESBORO
WORKSESSION MINUTES
MARCH 4th, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Worksession on Monday, March 4th, 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
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 authorizing Mayor Day to begin discussions regarding Clayton County School District Resource Officers for Jonesboro Public Schools. Mayor Day stated that the Clayton County Board of Education would use the pass through practice as we had before and they would reimburse us. The City of Jonesboro would hire the resource officers to be placed in the schools in Jonesboro and the Clayton County Board of Education would furnish the cost. The Clayton County Board of Education is discussing having their own Police force as 55 officers would be needed to cover all of the schools. The Jonesboro City Council and the Clayton County Board of Education need to meet and discuss the cost. Mayor Day stated that no final decisions will be made at this time. Mayor Day advised that the City is short one officer now and also needs an additional 1-2 Reserve Officers. Councilmember Wiggins stated that he was against any involvement because of Risk Management and the City vehicle's. Councilmember Wiggins asked if the Sheriff's department had stopped their participation. Mayor Day answered yes. Councilmember Norrington asked how many would be placed in the middle schools. Mayor Day stated that there would be one officer in each Middle School.
- Public Comments – Mr. Maddox stated that when the city provided School Resource Officers previously, the school district was always in arrears in payments.
- Discussed 800 Megahertz radio system. Mayor Day called for Chief Allen to give his presentation. Chief Allen stated that he is back in negotiations with Clayton County and has attended three meetings which resulted in a price list on the units

and with a break down to explain it as simply as possible. Chief Allen stated that this is a federally mandated requirement and as of now, the city is still conjoined with Clayton County. Chief Allen read his list of figures for the Council and provided them with the information and become compliant, the City will be looking at \$382,000 (subtract \$60,000 without Resource Officers). Councilmember Segner asked if we had another alternative. Chief Allen stated that to join Morrow or Forest Park would cost \$750,000. Councilmember Wiggins asked if we could do away with the mobile radios and use walkie talkies. Chief Allen stated that these are necessary and that mobile radios would not be included for the Chief and Detectives. Councilmember Wiggins asked if they were handheld or mobile. Chief Allen stated that the portable is not safe while driving, stating that he had looked into the portables as a way to save money but they are risky. Councilmember Compton asked if they could be purchased with seized funds. Chief Allen answered yes and that he had also enrolled in a program to receive Jag grants. Chief Allen stated that because the County does not have Wi-Fi, the City will use air cards. Mayor Day stated that she just wants the Council to be aware that this is coming. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the county has top notch everything and that their radios are tier 3. Chief Allen stated that Jonesboro is looking at tier 2.

- Public Comments – Mr. Barron expressed his concerns regarding how much money the Police Department spends.
- Discussed approval by Resolution, in support of State endorsed Drug and Alcohol policy – “Drugs Don’t Work In Georgia”. Mayor Day asked the City Clerk to explain. Ms. Truhan stated that this will be an amendment to our Ordinance, not a Resolution as the Employee Policy and Procedures Manual is an Ordinance. One feature of adopting this is that it will reduce our insurance cost, between 5-6% in savings. Also, we will be following the same ordinance that other cities and the State uses.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed participation in Atlanta Jazz Festival 2013. Councilmember Sebo stated that there are two dates to consider May 3rd or May 31st. Councilmember Sebo stated that the festival is a 31 day celebration and that on May 31, 2013, the festival will take place in Piedmont Park in Atlanta and that is the date we will adopt also. Joe Nettleton advised the Council that the County sold the stage that we usually borrowed and the only one that is left is not portable.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed Summer Concert series. Mayor Day stated that there is only \$4,000.00 in the budget for this series. Mayor Day asked Councilmember Segner to address this as he is the Chair of the Concert series. Councilmember Segner stated that there are no tentative plans yet.
- Public Comments – NONE.

- Considered motion to adjourn.
[Motion: Mann: 2nd, Norrington, Vote: Unanimous].

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN – CITY CLERK