

CITY OF JONESBORO
WORKSESSION MINUTES
MAY 6TH, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a Worksession on Monday, May 6th, 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 - absent

Staff Present: Janice Truhan – City Clerk, Joe Nettleton – Public Works Director, and Chief Allen.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

WORKSESSION ITEMS:

- Discussed Rezone request from Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rice, as represented by Jonesboro Holdings L.L.C. for 118 Stockbridge Road. Property currently zoned H1, proposed zoning H2. Mayor Day advised this property is being handled by attorney Bray. Mr. Bray stated that renovations of the property have been coordinated by Mr. Rice and this issue has been put before the Historical Committee.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed Conditional Use request from Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Rice, as represented by Jonesboro Holdings L.L.C. for 118 Stockbridge Road, proposed use - Pre School/Day Care. Ms. Lativa McCarter stated that she will lease both buildings. Mayor Day asked Ms. McCarter if she will be keeping any infants. Ms. McCarter answered there will be infants up to the age of 4. Ms. McCarter stated that she currently has a day care in Morrow named LSM Development Center and is hoping to move to this location in Jonesboro. Councilmember Sebo asked when she will be opening. Ms. McCarter stated that she would like to open as soon as possible. Mr. Bray stated that Mr. Rice is willing to do whatever it takes to open this facility. Mayor Day asked if there will be a location for the playground, and Councilmember Norrington asked if the playground will be enclosed. Mr. Bray stated that it will be provided. Councilmember Wiggins asked if there will be parking for the school. Mr. Bray answered yes, but mostly drop-off on the Wilburn Street side and employee parking will be on the Stockbridge Road side. Mayor Day asked if this will be open

for 24 hours. Mr. Bray answered yes, some part of the night, as some parents work at night.

- Public Comments – Mr. Wells questioned what type of security would be at this location. Mr. Bray stated that everything will be done according to the state requirements. Mr. Maddox stated that he would like to see this approved because the property has been vacant for a very long time.
- Discussed Jonesboro Housing Authority resolution to appoint Therese Guidry for a subsequent year to the Jonesboro Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Mayor Day stated that the council has been given a copy of the resolution, Mayor Day then called for questions.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Discussed Police Department ‘Dog House’ and proposed replacement modular units. Chief Allen stated that himself, Lt. Lumpkin, and Mr. Nettleton looked at the units and feel that the best option for the city is to go with a double wide. Chief Allen stated his best estimate for the cost of a trailer would be \$21,400 and this would include the cost of the trailer, set-up transportation fee, heating and air conditioner fee and that is only for repair in the event that it does not work. Chief Allen stated that there would also need to be decking between the two trailers. We would need to replace the carpet, paint building exterior walls, and some plumbing as well as electrical on the outside. Councilmember Wiggins recommended a concrete slab with cover for the Golf Cart. Chief Allen stated that in his opinion, we would be trading one old building for two old buildings. Councilmember Compton asked if that estimate included sprinklers. Chief Allen answered no. Councilmember Sebo questioned if the city code allows trailers and suggested that we would check with the Code Enforcement Official. Chief Allen stated that he spoke with the city Code Enforcement Official who said it would not meet code. Councilmember Compton expressed concern regarding cost to repair existing structures. Chief Allen explained that a new building would be the best decision and the repairs of the existing building would be the next choice, that a modular trailer would not be enough space. Councilmember Wiggins stated that putting two doublewides together would work. Councilmember Mann questioned how the building was in such bad shape without being noticed for so long. Mayor Day advised that if a Municipal Complex was to be built, there are a lot of plans and considerations to be made.
- Public Comments – Mr. Maddox suggested getting a new roof and making other repairs, as the Police Department is going to want a new building soon anyway. Mrs. Carr suggested getting gun safes for weapons because this issue in the dog house sounds like it is a concern for officer’s and citizen’s safety.
- Discussed proposed change to Yard Sale permit to include a \$5.00 fee per sign for those signs not picked up following a Yard Sale. Mr. Nettleton stated that the city should encourage the citizens to pick up their own signs and asked the council for their approval on this issue when voting on May 13, 2013. Mayor Day stated that there would be a statement on the yard sale application regarding this issue.

- Public Comments – Mrs. Bruce asked if there would be enforcement of the yard sale signs. Mayor Day answered yes, Code Enforcement and Public Works would pick them up and City Hall would collect the fees.
- Discussed Ordinance for Vacant Building Registry. Mayor Day stated that she has provided the Council with a copy of an ordinance modeled after an ordinance written by Lake City. Mayor Day stated the problem with these vacant buildings is that the owners live out of state or they are owned by a bank, and then transferred to another bank. Mayor Day advised that all these empty properties lead to crime issues. Councilmember Wiggins asked how does this align with the state registration requirements. Mayor Day stated this is in line with the state.
- Public Comments – NONE.
- Considered motion to adjourn.
[Motion: Mann: 2nd, Compton, Vote: Unanimous].

JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN – CITY CLERK