

**City of Jonesboro
Regular Meeting
June 11, 2001**

The regular meeting of Mayor and Council was held June 11,2001. Present were: Rip Sewell, Wallace Norrington, Luther Maddox, Yvette McDonald, Rick Yonce, Ed Adair, and Mayor Day presiding.

The May minutes were read and Adair motioned to approve the minutes as read. Norrington seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Gayla Hurst came before the council requesting her property at 1284 Hwy Spur 138 be rezoned from R-2 to O&I. Ms.Hurst was uncertain what type of business she will have in an O&I setting, possibly a trophy shop. She feels an O&I zoning would make the property more marketable. Sewell voiced concern about the surrounding residential area and advised Hurst that if her request were granted, a buffer would have to be in place prior to any business opening. Mayor Dar reminded the council of what is permissible in an O&I zoning. Motion was made to rezone 1284 Hwy Spur 138 from R-2 to O&I seconded by McDonald. Maddox, McDonald, and Adair voted for the rezoning request. Opposed Norrington, Sewell, and Yonce. Mayor Day broke the tie by agreeing to the O&I zoning, Mayor Day told Ms. Hurst that any business would have to be approved before opening for business.

John Ramage, Director of Maintenance for Education, requested the council to approve a modular unit at Jonesboro Middle School for classroom purposes. Sewell requested the fencing surrounding the unit be widened to accommodate fire and emergency vehicles. The unit will not be visible from the street. James Massengale, Public Works Director, voiced concern over the sewer line and storm drain being under the proposed unit. Mr.Ramage said that his department would do whatever it takes to make the unit and students safe. Adair made a motion to approve one modular unit to be placed at Jonesboro Middle School. Norrington seconded. Maddox opposed the request. All other members agreed. The motion carried.

Mr.Ramage further requested the Mayor and Council reconsider their decision against placing a modular unit on Souder Way. This unit would be used for office space for their personnel department. Plans are underway to relocate the personnel department to the recently purchased property on Fifth Avenue, so the unit would not be in place long. Maddox made a motion to allow the modular unit to be placed on Souder Way, used for office staff and to be removed by August 1, 2002. The motion was amended to include skirting and landscaping around the unit. Sewell seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr.Billy Hill, residing at 208 Porter Lane, requested a home occupation to open up a locksmith business. He advised the council there would not be much traffic. He would have advertisement on his vehicle. Maddox stated that he preferred not have any signage in the yard. McDonald motioned for approval of this home based business at 208 Porter Lane for Mr.Hill. Maddox seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Mary Littlebear voiced concern to the mayor and council over the recent vandalism in the cemetery. She presented pictures of damaged headstones, damaged coping and explained how often the flowers placed on her family graves had been scattered or stolen. She asked council to install a fence around the cemetery. She told the council of her appreciation for the extra lights and increased police patrol. She believes a fence will go a long way in securing the cemetery. Mayor Day thanked Ms.Littlebear for coming to the council and

addressing her concern, she agreed that it is upsetting to not only the deceased family members, but to the council and community itself. She explained that a strong letter had been written to the courts who will hear the case that a cemetery committee is forming to look into possible solutions.

James Massengale, Public Works Director updated the council that Jodeco Road, Stockbridge Road, and one side of Key Street has been paved as part of the LARP contract. County has started paving the road leading into Jodeco Road Park. McDonald asked for an update on the sidewalk project, Massengale said that the work is in progress.

Fire Chief Jimmy Wiggins requested permission from council to hold their annual boot drive on June 28, 29, and 30th. Sewell motioned to approve the request for the fireman to be in the streets. Yonce seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Major Freeman Poole informed the council that citations had been issued regarding Fayetteville Road and Pharr Avenue. Arraignments will be July 5th.

Yonce requested public works replace a stop sign at Church Street and Stewart Avenue. Sewell recognized and congratulated Bobby Wiggins on his recent retirement from the Clayton County Fire Department. There being no further business, Sewell motioned to adjourn the meeting. McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Joy Day,
Mayor**

**Joanie Jones,
Assistant City Clerk**