

**CITY OF JONESBORO
CALLED MEETING
APRIL 11, 2005**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a regular council meeting on April 11, 2005 at 7:00pm. The meeting was held at 170 South Main Street.

Members present: Council member Yvette McDonald
Council member Donna Meadows
Council member Wallace Norrington
Council member Clifford Sewell
Council member Rick Yonce
Council member Linda Wenz
Mayor Joy B. Day

Staff present: Sam Durrance, Public Works Director
Stacey Inglis, Finance Officer
Kathryn Lookofsky, DDA
Robert Thomas, Police Chief
Jon Walker, City Manager

Agenda Amendment: Mayor Day requested a motion to amend the agenda by deleting Item D, the Consideration of Emergency Sirens and to insert Consideration of Insurance Quote from Starr Insurance. Councilwoman Meadows so motioned; Councilman Sewell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Approved: Councilman Sewell motioned, seconded by Councilman Norrington to approve the March 14, 2005 minutes as written. The motion carried; with Councilman Yonce opposing.

OLD BUSINESS:

Tyler Technology: Councilwoman Wenz made a motion to purchase the Tyler Technology software for \$13,500 which includes the software and training. Councilwoman McDonald seconded. Councilman Norrington, Yonce and Sewell opposed the motion. Councilwoman Wenz, McDonald and Meadows voted for the motion. Mayor Day broke the tie and voted for the motion. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

Home Occupation: Jarvis Lundy, 250 Northlake Drive requested a home occupation to operate his Lawn Care Business. The equipment will be parked in the backyard. Councilwoman Meadows made a motion to approve Mr. Lundy's home occupation request. Councilman Yonce seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

GDOT Project Parking Deck Project: GDOT has provided a project agreement for a \$400,000 grant to the city for the preliminary engineering of the downtown parking deck. The city would match with \$100,000. Discussion was held regarding the status of the parking deck, the projected cost to the city, the potential of receiving SPLOST funding, the possibility of a Development Agreement or Issuance of Bonds. Councilman Yonce spoke of his opposition to the parking deck. Councilman Sewell spoke of the city needing to have a vision and plan for the future. Councilwoman McDonald made a motion to authorize Mayor Day to sign the Project Agreement with the Georgia Department of Transportation. Councilwoman Wenz seconded. The motion carried with Councilman Yonce opposing.

Well Installation 271 North Main Street: City Manager, Jon Walker updated the council on the status of 271 North Main Street. Mayor Day reminded the council that the monitoring wells are required by the EPD because of the contamination of the groundwater; that the monies spent on this property will be recouped once the property is sold. Councilman Norrington made a motion to approve the two monitoring wells at a cost of \$9,200.00. Councilman Sewell seconded the motion. The motion carried with Councilman Yonce opposing.

Insurance Quote: Jon Walker, City Manager informed council he received information from Starr Insurance just this afternoon and apologized for the short notice. Starr Insurance had solicited bids for the city's insurance coverage and St Paul Insurance Co. gave the city the best option. The cost for insurance coverage is \$102,540.36. The coverage would be the same. Councilman Sewell made a motion to approve having St Paul be the Insurance Company for the city. Councilman Norrington seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Appointment of Associate Judge: Councilwoman McDonald made a motion to appoint Michael Baird Associate Judge for the City of Jonesboro. Councilman Sewell seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Surplus Equipment Bids: Public Works Director Sam Durrance reviewed the bid process and results of the bids with council. Mayor Day asked for a motion to approve the bids as presented and reviewed by Mr. Durrance. Councilwoman Meadows made a motion to accept the bids as presented. Councilwoman McDonald seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

203 North Main Street: Property owner, Jack Brannon asked the council to approve his request for vinyl siding to be placed on the building located at 203 North Main Street which is located in the historic district. The soffits and trim work would remain the same. Councilwoman Meadows made a motion to approve Mr. Brannon's request. Councilman Yonce seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Zoning/Building Moratorium: Mayor Day reviewed with council the need for the zoning moratorium. Mayor Day opened the floor for a public hearing on this moratorium. She read a letter from Developer Richard Hamilton regarding his ongoing project at Regency Commons on Tara Boulevard; requesting he be allowed to proceed with his development as he has submitted his initial plans prior to tonight's council meeting. The council agreed his project may proceed. Mayor Day again asked for any comments. Mayor Day then closed the public hearing and asked for a motion. Councilman Sewell made a motion to put a moratorium on zoning and building for ninety days. Councilwoman Meadows seconded. The

motion carried unanimously. (Ord. Bk One, pg 69)

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Day reminded everyone of Jonesboro Days, May 14th and the concert that same evening at 7pm; that Massengale Park playground should be completed by early to mid June and about the upcoming charette at the Fire Station this weekend.

Resident Luther Maddox asked for an update on the Police Certification process and requested a traffic light be installed at Fifth Avenue and Jonesboro Road. Business owner, Nancy Kauffman asked which sites had been selected for the upcoming charette and how the public can participate. Citizen Roger Grider asked that the minutes reflect citizen comments. Jon Crane voiced his concerns on several issues. Jon Walker invited Mr. Crane to come by city hall and he would discuss his concerns. Councilman Yonce asked if the council would look into the procedures and format used at the council meetings in order for more citizen participation. He asked the status of the code enforcement officer and the status of the Cloud Street property.

There being no further business, Councilman Norrington made motion to adjourn. Councilwoman McDonald seconded. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Joy Day, Mayor

Joan Jones, City Clerk