

**CITY OF JONESBORO  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MAY 9, 2005**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held a regular council meeting on May 9, 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

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**Approval of Minutes:** Councilman Sewell made a motion to approve the April minutes as presented. Councilman Norrington seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**Alcohol Pouring License:** Jon Walker, City Manager reviewed the staff report for Pouring License for Harold's Barbeque. Lisa Ison, spoke on behalf of Harold's Barbeque. Mayor Day opened the public hearing. T. Cantrell voiced opposition; D. Ybara presented council with a petition from the residents of the subdivision behind Harold's; G. Lewis and P. Ramsey, representatives from the church across the street, spoke of their opposition. Mayor Day asked for any other comments. Applicant Lisa Ison spoke about maintaining the integrity of the business, continuing the family atmosphere and reminded council that a new entry way would be built to comply with the current code. Mayor Day closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Councilwoman Meadows made a motion to table this request until the June 13, 2005 council meeting. Councilwoman McDonald seconded. The motion carried with Council members Norrington, Wenz, McDonald, Sewell and Meadows in favor and Council member Yonce opposing.

**Alcohol Pouring License:** City Manager Jon Walker reviewed the staff report regarding the issuance of a Pouring License for applicant Otis Pruitt of Diamond Pizza & Hot

Wings. Otis Pruitt addressed the council stating that having a pouring license would bring in more business and he would abide by the ordinance. Mayor Day opened the public hearing. R. Hepler voiced opposition citing this business is too close to the Massengale Park where small children play; C. Frederick spoke of her support stating the citizens voted to have liquor-by-the-drink; T. Cantrell voiced opposition; R. Grider voiced his support, stated we need more business in the city. Mayor Day asked for any other comments. Applicant Otis Pruitt stated again how this would help his business; bring in revenues for the city and that he is applying for a Beer Only License. Mayor Day closed the public hearing and called for a motion. Councilman Sewell challenged the application citing notary dates/signature dates inconsistent, no references given. Mayor Day called for a motion. Councilwoman Wenz made a motion to deny this applicant a pouring license citing the Alcohol Ordinance 05-01, Section 6-54, (c) (3). Councilwoman Meadows seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. (see pg 70, Ord. Bk 1)

**City Logo:** Kathryn Lookofsky reviewed the design process for the new city logo. Councilman Sewell made a motion to accept the design of the new city logo as presented. Councilman Norrington seconded. The motion carried unanimously. (see pg 71, Ord. Bk 1)

**Public Hearing Adult Entertainment Ordinance Amendment:** City Manager Jon Walker gave a staff report regarding the proposed changes to the Adult Entertainment Ordinance. Mayor Day then opened the public hearing regarding the amendment to the current ordinance. Mayor Day informed the public this hearing has been advertised as required by law. Gary Lewis inquired about the zoning change and the distance from a church. Mayor Day explained the zoning would change from a Commercial District to an Industrial District and the distance would be 1,000 feet. Mayor Day asked for any other comments, there being no further comments, Mayor Day closed the public hearing.

**Change Order JJ&G:** City Manager Jon Walker reviewed the change order for requesting \$54,000 for engineering work to relocate power lines underground. Councilman Sewell made a motion to approve this change order of \$54,000 for JJ&G. Councilwoman McDonald seconded the motion. The motion carried with Council members McDonald, Sewell, Norrington, Wenz and Meadows approving with Councilman Yonce opposing.

**Downtown Parking:** Councilwoman Meadows made a motion to have two hour parking (maximum) in the downtown area. Councilwoman Wenz seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

**GMA Backhoe Lease Purchase:** The backhoe is a 2005 budget item with a cost of \$36,179 with the city paying \$4,932.48 twice a year for four years. Councilman Sewell made a motion to approve this GMA Backhoe Lease Purchase. Councilman Norrington seconded. Under discussion, Councilman Yonce inquired what the backhoe would be used for. Public Works Director explained the backhoe would be used for sidewalk maintenance and other uses. The motion carried unanimously.

**Resolution for Valic 457B:** This resolution is for documentation that the city is in IRS compliance. Councilman Norrington made a motion to approve this resolution for Valic 457B. Councilwoman Wenz seconded. The motion carried unanimously

#### **OTHER BUSINESS:**

Kathryn Lookofsky invited everyone present to the first of the Summer Concert Series and Jonesboro Day set for this Saturday, May 14 beginning at 11:00am. Travis Cantrell and Robert Hepler voiced concern about the agenda procedure and public input. Mr. Hepler encouraged the city to become a Certified City of Ethics and City of Excellence and for the council to consider annexing more property and incorporating Fifth Avenue. Jon Crane

thanked the council for the Emergency Sirens, reviewed a section of the 2003 audit and asked the March minutes be reviewed.

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

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Joy Day, Mayor

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Joan Jones  
City Clerk