

**CITY OF JONESBORO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 8TH, 2010**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held the Regular monthly Council meeting on Monday, February 8th, 2010. The meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Police Station, 170 South Main Street Jonesboro, Georgia.

Council Present: Luther Maddox, Mayor
Clarence Mann, Councilmember
Roger Grider, Councilmember
Wallace Norrington, Councilmember
Joe Compton, Councilmember
Pat Sebo, Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins Councilmember

Staff Present: Janice Truhan City Clerk, Interim Chief Wayne Woods, Joe Nettleton Public Works Director, Code Enforcement Officer Charles Carpenter. Administrative Assistant Pat Daniel and City Attorney Steve Fincher.

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order.

Prayer was given by Councilmember Wallace Norrington. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

The Council considered the minutes for the month of January 11th, 2010 Regular meeting. Approved. [*Motion: Grider, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

Public Comments were given by Mr. David Barron, Carl Hilton, Mr. Wells and Carolina Ng. e.

OLD BUSINESS: – None to report

NEW BUSINESS – ITEM A – L:

A. Considered Home based business – The Decorum Group Inc., owned and operated by Charlene McCracken 206 Porter Lane. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2nd: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].

B. Considered Home based business – R & D Cleaning Service, owned and operated by Rodney and Deirdre Miller 129 Cecelia Drive. Approved. [*Motion: Compton, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

C. Considered Home based business – Shapes for You, owned and operated by Carolina NG 8050 Tara Blvd., Apt. N-1. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2nd: Norrington; Vote: Unanimous*].

D. Considered sale of surplus ladder as proposed by Mr. Harold Johnson. Approved. Motion made to give Joe Nettleton authorization to sell ladder to Mr. Johnson. If Mr. Johnson did not purchase, Joe Nettleton has authorization to discard. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Grider, Vote Unanimous*].

E. Considered proposed Animal Control Ordinance. Approved as stands. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].

F. Considered proposed Golf Cart ordinance. Approved with amendment that will be completed by Mr. Steven Fincher. [*Motion: Compton, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Yea – Compton, Norrington, Sebo; Nay – Grider, Mann, Wiggins with Mayor Maddox breaking the tie resulting an approved ordinance*].

G. Considered support of packaged alcohol sales in the City. Discussion ensued. Motion made by Mr. Grider to approve Petition to obtain yes or no vote. Motion failed. Motion made by Councilmember Norrington to postpone to next work session and regular meeting. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Sebo, Vote: Yea – Sebo, Norrington, Wiggins, Compton; Nay – Grider, Mann*].

H. Considered changing format of Council meeting Agenda to include public comment of Agenda items after Council discussion and before Council vote on each item considered and with a reasonable time for each speaker. Motion made to approve to place on pre-week work session. [*Motion: Compton, 2nd: Mann, Vote: Unanimous*].

I. Considered pre-agenda council meeting to be added one week prior to each regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Discussion ensued regarding the Charter. Insured by attorney that this does not affect the charter. Approved. [*Vote: Norrington, 2nd: Compton, Vote: Unanimous*].

J. Considered motion to enter Executive Session. Approved. [*Motion: Mann, 2nd: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].

K. Considered motion to resume Regular meeting. Approved. [*Motion: Grider, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

L. Considered vote, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session. No vote taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Maddox announced and the following activity occurred:

- Covered dish supper will be held at 6:00 p.m. Thursday February 11th, 2010 at the Jonesboro Firehouse Museum 103 West Mill Street.
- Neighborhood Watch program meeting will be held Monday February 15th, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. at 170 South Main Street.
- Streetscape progress report: Contractor has signed contracts and we are awaiting GDOT's authorization to proceed.
- Garbage and ADA curb cut projects: Joe Nettleton reports that Garbage is going along smoothly except that we had an issue with the brakes on the Garbage Truck. Brakes are ordered and should be delivered. Mayor Maddox is going to make a phone call to set up 'backup truck' if needed. ADA curb cut project is moving along nicely.

Councilmember Sebo wanted to discuss increasing Hotel/Motel Excise tax. If we were to raise the amount from 5% to 8%, the city could realize an additional 1 ½ % and the CCVB the same amount, toward tourism. We have to get it before the General Assembly by early April. Peachtree City and Morrow have raised theirs. Mayor Maddox stated that the CCVB, Historical Jonesboro or the Chamber could use the funds toward tourism. Motion was made to amend the agenda to add Resolution. Approved. [*Motion: Wiggins, 2nd: Sebo; Vote: Unanimous*]. Motion made to adopt Resolution to ask General Assembly to increase Hotel/Motel from 5 to 8%. Approved. [*Motion: Grider, 2nd: Wiggins; Vote: Unanimous*].

Councilmember Sebo stated that there were \$140.00 in donations for Haiti Relief. The Salvation Army was excited to work with City Hall.

Mayor Maddox called for a motion to adjourn. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].

LUTHER W. MADDOX – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK