

**CITY OF JONESBORO
COUNCIL MEETING WORKSESSION MINUTES
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
DECEMBER 5th, 2011 - 6:00 p.m.**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held the monthly worksession meeting on Monday, December 5th, 2011. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. at the Jonesboro Police Department, 170 South Main Street.

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

Staff Present: Joe Nettleton - Public Works Director, Lt. Lumpkin and Pat Daniel
- Assistant City Clerk.

Mayor Maddox called the Worksession meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Discussed Rezoning request of Beatrice White-Roberts-325 West Avenue, Jonesboro, Georgia 30236, from “R4” to “C2” -

Mayor Maddox stated that the first item on the agenda is the rezoning request from an R4 to C2, confirming that the house is on the west side of West Avenue and it is the only property that is not zoned C2. Mayor Maddox asked Mr. Roberts to come before the Council and speak. Mayor Maddox asked Mr. Roberts if he was trying to rezone for selling purposes. Mr. Roberts stated that his Father has passed away and his Mother is in assisted living. He stated that he had tried to keep it rented but was unsuccessful, and that unoccupied, the house is continually broken into. He continued that to get the best price when selling, being zoned commercial would help. This sale is needed to help with my Mother’s financial situation, our intent is to sell at the best price possible. Councilmember Grider asked if the property backed up to the Tire Shop. Mr. Roberts answered yes it does and everything else is commercial too. Councilmember Norrington asked if the property had been posted and Mr. Nettleton answered yes. Mayor Maddox stated that this issue would be voted on next Monday at the regular meeting.

Discussed amending the Yard Sale Ordinance -

Discussion ensued regarding the current ordinance. Councilmember Grider confirmed that the City holds two Citywide Yard Sales, one in April and one on September that are free and

residents are allowed four more in a one year period with three consecutive days. He also stated that the first Saturday of each month had been designated as a community yard sale but nothing ever came of that. He advised that the permit is five dollars. Councilmember Wiggins asked if the first Saturday sale had ever been approved and Mayor Maddox answered “not to my knowledge”. Councilmember Mann stated that he does not think that it ever got finalized. Councilmember Grider stated that elderly people are not able to take their things to the parking lot, “We should codify at the next meeting after discussing”. Mr. Powell brought this before us and there was an article in the paper concerning a neighbor who buys wholesale and needs to re-sale. Mayor Maddox stated that he would not like his neighbor having a yard sale every Saturday. That is someone trying to run a business, “I will not vote it in”. Councilmember Mann asked if Mr. Grider meant every Saturday. Mr. Grider answered that people who work can’t have them during the week or on Fridays, so they need Saturday, no one does yard sales on Sundays. This whole issue started from one resident on Evenview who buys and re-sales, do we not want to honor our word on that? Councilmember Wiggins said he does remember the conversation but not all of the suggestions. Councilmember Mann stated that he did not think the City would be overrun with yard sales. Councilmember Grider stated that he does not think this will create a problem. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the resident on Jonesboro Road has put all of his stuff in his back yard and it is a problem. Councilmember Grider responded that he is a proponent of letting the individual decide when they want to do something and not have the government decide for them. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the ordinance does not say when they have to have the sale. Councilmember Grider replied that it says you can have four, three consecutive days. I have talked to people who have been to City Hall and been told that they can only have four per year. Mayor Maddox stated that he personally thinks that someone who buys to re-sale needs a business license. Councilmember Norrington asked if the discussion is just about Saturdays. Councilmember Grider stated that the citizens should be allowed the freedom to have them when and as want to without being controlled by the government. Councilmember Mann suggested that we state that the citizens can have twelve days (limit) the way they choose. Mayor Maddox stated that they will vote at next Mondays meeting.

Discussed Ordinance to amend Occupation Tax and Regulatory Fees –

Mayor Maddox stated that the City Attorney had cleaned up the ordinance and it will be voted on next Monday night. Mayor Maddox explained that he has the redline copy at City Hall if you would like to come by and look at it. Councilmember Wiggins said he would like to come by and get a copy.

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

Luther W. Maddox, Mayor

Pat Daniel, Administrative Assistant/
Assistant City Clerk