

CITY OF JONESBORO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14TH, 2011

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held their Regular Council meeting on Monday, March 14th, 2011. 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
Wallace Norrington, Councilmember
Joe Compton, Councilmember
Pat Sebo, Councilmember
Bobby Wiggins Councilmember
Roger Grider – Councilmember

Staff present: Chief Franklin Allen, Joe Nettleton - Public Works Director, Charles Carpenter – Code Enforcement Officer, Sandra Meyers – Finance Officer, and Janice Truhan – City Clerk.

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order.

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

Motion was made to amend the agenda to add Clayton County's Chief Merkison regarding 700-800 MHz system due 2013, as introduced by Chief Allen. Motion made to amend the Agenda. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo; 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

Public comments were given by Joy Day, and Mr. David Barron.

The Council considered approval of the Minutes from: Worksession meeting held February 7th, 2011, and the Regular meeting held February 14th, 2011. Approved with corrections. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Mann, Vote: Yea – Compton, Mann, Norrington, Sebo, Wiggins; Abstain: Grider*].

The 2nd in a series of two public hearings regarding the proposed 'Foreclosure Registry' and amendment to 'Offenses and Miscellaneous Provision, Section 46-9 Minors'.

Presentation by Mr. Terry Lawler of Georgia Grant Writers was given. Mr. Lawler stated that the three grant writers had 50 years of Grant writing experience in local government, and they were also recognized by U.G.A. as the official grant writers. Mayor Maddox stated that the City was not obligated to pay a grant writer until grant award, and that the grant writers would not seek a grant without Council approval. Mr. Lawler stated that Georgia Grant Writers respond to the City's interests. Councilmember Compton asked if this service was an exclusive partnership to write grants. Mayor Maddox stated no, nothing yet committed.

Old Business – Item (A) on agenda:

- A. Considered downtown parking related to Broad and Main Streets, and also enforcement of parking. Discussion ensued regarding Riley Street, the road behind the Firehouse Museum, the parallel parking, angled parking, and the inability to get a fire truck down Broad Street, given the current circumstances. Questions related to Owner ‘noticing’ and signage were brought up as well. Mayor Maddox stated that these items will be addressed after the plans were drawn for this project. No vote taken.

New Business – Item(s) B – M on agenda:

- B. Considered Resolution to allow Neighborhood Market on City property (Mill Street parking lot). Discussion ensued. Motion made to approve the Extension Service to hold neighborhood Market at Mill Street parking lot. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2nd: Wiggins; Vote: Unanimous*].
- C. Considered 2010 budget amendment of \$228,930. Discussion ensued. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Sebo, Vote: Yea – Compton, Mann, Norrington, Sebo, Wiggins; Nay: Grider*].
- D. Considered proposed job classification study – ARC. Postponed until April 11th, 2011 meeting in order to obtain data. No vote taken.
- E. Considered Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for the construction of restroom facilities at Massengale Park. Approved. [*Motion: Norrington, 2nd: Wiggins, Vote: Unanimous*].
Vote: Unanimous].
- F. Considered informational Cell Tower leases. Postponed pending further study. No vote taken.
- G. Considered proposal from ‘Georgia Grant Writers’ – Terry Lawler. Motion made to approve and enter into negotiations with Georgia Grant Writers. Approved. [*Motion: Grider, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].
- H. Considered proposed ordinance amendment ‘Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions’ Section 46-9 Minors. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2nd: Mann, Vote: Unanimous*].
- I. Considered proposed ordinance ‘Foreclosure Registry’. Discussion ensued regarding HB 110, that it had not cleared Senate. Motion made to postpone until after General Assembly votes on HB1 110. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2nd: Norrington, Vote: Unanimous*].

- J. Considered downtown parking related to Broad Street and Main Street, inclusive of enforcement of parking. Postponed until plans drawn. No vote taken.
- K. Consider Executive Session for the purposes of personnel or legal matters. No Executive Session called. No vote taken.
- L. Consider resuming Regular meeting. No Executive Session called. No vote taken.
- M. Consider vote, if any, on matters discussed in Executive Session. No Executive Session called. No vote taken.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Mayor Maddox stated:

- The monthly Covered Dish supper will be held at the Jonesboro Firehouse Museum (103 West Mill Street) at 6:00 p.m. March 17th, 2011.
- The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held March 31st 2011 at the Jonesboro Police Station – 170 South Main Street Jonesboro.
- Historical Jonesboro will be holding their annual Spaghetti Supper this Saturday, March 19th, 2011 at the Jonesboro Firehouse Museum.
- The Taste of Clayton will be held April 9th, 2011 beginning at 11:00 a.m. on Main Street in Jonesboro.

The Mayor asked for further comments from Council. Councilmember Norrington said that the City parking lot on Mill Street is getting pretty messed up by the heavy equipment. The Mayor stated that he would check out tomorrow. Currently they are finishing crosswalks, and will patch any damaged areas.

Councilmember Norrington stated that he saw an 18 wheeler go across Main Street yesterday and asked for those who see them to call the P.D. about them.

The Mayor called for a report on the 'Party Hall'. Chief Allen stated that they had had one incident. There were two fights inside, and a 3rd fight with an officer in July. This person was arrested for assaulting an officer. Lieutenant Lumpkin has met with the owners (Mr. and Mrs. Ocano) who did not care. Chief Allen stated that Lieutenant Lumpkin was keeping a file of incidents.

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

LUTHER W. MADDOX – MAYOR

JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK