

**CITY OF JONESBORO**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2011**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held their Regular Council meeting on Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 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, and Janice Truhan – City Clerk.

Mayor Maddox called the meeting to order.

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

Public comments were given by Mr. Carl Helton and Mr. Jason Ferree.

The Council considered approval of the Minutes from: Worksession meeting held April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011, and the Regular meeting held April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Motion made to approve. [*Motion: Norrington, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].

Mayor Maddox requested a motion to amend the agenda to add item 'H' - Mr. Swenson from the Clayton County G.O.P. for a presentation.

**Old Business:**

**New Business – Item(s) A – H on agenda:**

- A. Considered presentation by Jim Montgomery of the American Legion. Mr. Montgomery expressed his appreciation to the City regarding prior ceremonies held at the City Cemetery for Memorial Day, and requested the Council's approval for a ceremony to be held May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 9:30 a.m. Mayor Maddox stated that he will present and encouraged the Council Members to be there also. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Wiggins; Vote: Unanimous*].

- B. Considered rental agreement for Parks and Museum. Discussion ensued regarding length of time for reservation, and advance reservations. Approved. [*Motion: Compton, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Grider, Vote: Unanimous*].
- C. Considered proposed Sunday Alcohol Sales Referendum. Mayor Maddox stated that the Governor had signed into law which will allow the City to put on the ballot for November's election. Approved. [*Motion: Sebo, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Grider, Vote: Yea – Sebo, Grider, Compton, Mann, Wiggins; Nay - Norrington*].
- D. Considered Sign Permit Ordinance change, if so needed. Discussion ensued. Motion to postpone until June meeting. [*Motion: Grider, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norrington; Vote: Unanimous*].

Mayor Maddox called for a vote to delete items 'E', 'F', & 'G' (unused Executive Session) from the agenda. No assignment of letter.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Mayor Maddox called on City Attorney, Steven Fincher to find if there were any other items. Mr. Fincher stated no. Councilmember Mann asked why Executive Session was on the agenda. Mayor Maddox explained that it is put on every agenda in case it is needed and that it can be easily deleted. Councilmember Compton asked what the cost for Phase I of Streetscape was. The Mayor stated it was no cost, funded by Federal stimulus funds. Councilmember Norrington asked if there were more of these types of grants. Councilmember Wiggins stated that the July 2011 Worksession will have to be rescheduled due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. Mayor Maddox stated that it would be moved to July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. Councilmember Sebo asked about a policy for the rental of the Firehouse for Mr. Swenson of the G.O.P. Mayor Maddox stated that Mr. Swenson could rent under 'Civic groups'. Mayor Maddox called for a motion regarding the rental of the Firehouse by the G.O.P. Motion made to deny G.O.P and Mr. Swenson rental of the Firehouse Museum. [*Motion: Sebo, 2<sup>nd</sup>: dies due to lack of a 2<sup>nd</sup>*].

Mayor Maddox recognized Mr. Terry Lawler of Georgia Grant Writers. Mr. Lawler stated that there was a 'COPS' grant up for application and that we needed to submit a letter of interest if the Council wished to pursue it. Discussion ensued.

Mayor Maddox asked Chief Allen and Public Works Director Nettleton if there was anything else. Both stated no.

Mayor Maddox stated: Jonesboro days will be Saturday the 21<sup>st</sup>, bring your chairs – there will be hamburgers and hot dogs.

- The monthly Covered Dish supper will be held at the Jonesboro Firehouse Museum (103 West Mill Street) at 6:00 p.m. May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011.
- The Neighborhood Watch meeting will be held May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at the Jonesboro Police Station – 170

South Main Street Jonesboro at 6:30pm.

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

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**LUTHER W. MADDOX – MAYOR**

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**JANICE TRUHAN - CITY CLERK**