

**CITY OF JONESBORO
COUNCIL MEETING WORK SESSION
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011 - 6:00PM**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor and Council held the monthly Work Session meeting on Tuesday, September 6, 2011. The meeting was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers located in the Jonesboro Police Department, 170 South Main Street.

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

Staff Present: Joe Nettleton - Public Works Director, Chief Franklin Allen, and Janice Truhan - City Clerk.

Mayor Maddox called the worksession meeting to order at 6:09 p.m. and stated there were no public comments.

Safebuilt contract for building plan reviews and building inspections: Mayor Maddox introduced David Mundt as the representative from Safebuilt. Mr. Mundt had submitted the proposal regarding the overview for permitting, contract and fee schedule and reviewed a few of the items related to the contract, and also explained the formula for the rates. Mayor Maddox asked if this was separate than the fee schedule that you supplied. Mr. Mundt stated that they have always used the fee schedule that the City has had in place. Also, Mr. Mundt explained that the City will need to adopt the 2007 Georgia Building codes and could do so by amending the original ordinance. Councilmember Compton asked what percentage of the fees does Safebuilt get and what does the City get. Mr. Mundt stated that the City and Safebuilt split the fees 50/50. The proposal references Safebuilt's attachment with Safebuilt getting 80 and the City 20. Councilmember Compton asked City Hall if they put out for bid, and said that on a regular basis, we bid all contracts. Councilmember Compton asked if we had bid this. Mayor Maddox stated no, Ms. Truhan stated we had a couple of years ago and that there were no bidders who had gotten close to Safebuilt's bid. Councilmember Sebo asked if we had a contract prior to this. Mr. Mundt stated that there was an agreement with MBIS (the previous owner who had sold the business to Safebuilt) and we picked it

up when we purchased the business and took over. Mayor Maddox stated that we need to look this over and vote next week. Mayor Maddox asked for questions. None.

Department of Revenue 911 prepaid wireless service fee:

Mayor Maddox discussed item two, the 911 prepaid wireless service fee. Discussion ensued with Councilmember Grider asking if this was an additional fee to the taxes that are already charged. Mayor Maddox stated yes. Councilmember Grider stated that people who have prepaid cell phones are charged a .75 cent fee? Mayor Maddox and Ms. Truhan explained that the fee is charged at the State level. The ordinance was to choose between leaving the funds with the State, or have the State send to the County, and that this charge is for those cell phones with prepaid minutes. Councilmember Grider stated that it was another tax and charges were already 17 to 18 dollars in addition to the regular fee. Government is never happy without both hands in your pockets. Mayor Maddox stated Government is not imposing on anybody, people have a choice to buy phone with a fee or not. Councilmember Wiggins asked if the .75 cents will be collected in Jonesboro if bought in Jonesboro. Mayor Maddox stated yes. Councilmember Compton asked if the money went to the City. Mayor Maddox stated no, this is to designate the County as the recipient so there is no cost to the City. Discussion ensued regarding sales and fees. Ms. Truhan stated that the Department of Revenue will be enforcing and this designation is to determine whether Clayton County gets the funds or the State.

Mayor Maddox introduced Mr. Joe Nettleton regarding Massengale Park proposals – one and only bid was bid by this firm. Funding to be paid by SPLOST funds – Mayor Maddox agreed that it was. The bid is \$5,000. cheaper than Clayton Counties bid. Mr. Nettleton stated it will have a UNISEX restroom and will face parking lot with a water fountain on the side, which will replace the existing-non working fountain. Mayor Maddox asked Mr. Nettleton to get with the contractor and have the building attached to the Pavilion. Councilmember Wiggins stated that if it was attached, someone who needed to use the restroom would have to walk through someone's picnic. Mr. Nettleton to check on the issue. Councilmember Grider asked if these are reasonable material costs and will there be any cost overruns. Mr. Nettleton said he did not think there would be and that in fact it may be less due to the back flow valve. No overruns. Mr. Nettleton stated that Clayton County Water Authority helped a lot with the cost. They came in and attached us to the main line at no cost which saved the City about \$2,700.

Mr. Nettleton then brought up the new City Hall sign. All brick which will have the two City Seals inserted inside. The address of City Hall will be on the front of the sign mounted on brick. New footings will be dug. Mayor Maddox stated Hotel/Motel tax to

pay for this sign and will not come from City reserves. Councilmember Wiggins asked if the brick will match City Hall. Mr. Nettleton stated we will get it as close as we can.

Statements were made by Councilmember Mann that he is in support of the individuals who came up and voiced their opinion about the tax and that he hears them. Councilmember Norrington brought up the pending tax and asked that the 2.5 Mills be reduced to 1.5 Mills due to the homestead not being reduced this year.

Councilmember Grider agrees with Mr. Mann and Mr. Norrington. Councilmember Sebo wants to thank Ms. Carr for keeping her updated on the computer alerts through Neighborhood Watch. Mayor Maddox said come to City Hall to give your email address to Ms. Carr to be included in the circulation of the Newsletter.

Mayor Maddox stated that he is not up here running for office, I am doing what is best for the City.

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

LUTHER W. MADDOX, MAYOR

Janice Truhan, City Clerk