

**CITY OF JONESBORO  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING  
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
March 24, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor & Council held their Special Called Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. The meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the Jonesboro Police Station, 170 South Main Street, Jonesboro, Georgia.

**I. CALL TO ORDER- MAYOR JOY B. DAY**

**II. ROLL CALL - RICKY L. CLARK, JR., CITY MANAGER**

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Pat Sebo-Hand	Mayor Pro-Tem	Present	
Bobby Lester	Councilmember	Present	
Tracey Messick	Councilmember	Present	
Billy Powell	Councilmember	Present	
Donya Sartor	Councilmember	Present	
Ed Wise	Councilmember	Present	
Joy B. Day	Mayor	Present	
Ricky L. Clark	City Manager	Present	
Pat Daniel	Assistant City Clerk	Present	
David Allen	Community Development Director	Present	
Joe Nettleton	Public Works Director	Present	
Cable Glenn-Brooks	Executive Assistant	Present	
Derry Walker	Chief Code Officer	Present	

**III. AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Update regarding current City Operations - Ricky L. Clark, Jr.

At this time Mr. Clark provided the following updates:

- City Hall was closed on March 12, 2020 to devise a plan to ensure the safety of all departments.
- City Hall is now functioning with a remote VOIP system, as citizens call the phone is answered by a live receptionist. Additionally, employees are working remotely from home with the ability to process business licenses and process payments. This week we ordered scanners and laptops to distribute to employees so they can continue to work from home.
- **Community Development** is functioning remotely with little to no delays.
- All sanitation and property tax payments are being processed remotely.
- To accommodate all citizens during this time, all trash can have been returned to citizens with a notice of their payment.
- **Public Works** will continue to pick up trash Tuesday through Thursday and will begin cleaning up of the right-of-ways on Thursday March 26, 2020.

- **Code Enforcement** has been answering calls and will operate on a modified schedule three days a week. There will be no direct interaction with citizens or businesses as all notices will be delivered via certified mail.
- **Municipal Court Services** has postponed all court appearances and all participants that were scheduled to appear have been properly notified. Probation services are being maintained remotely through the online systems.
- **Police Department** received essential training on the VOIP system and are now able to take live calls directly.
- All employees are still receiving a paycheck and we are working on devising a modified schedule for employees to return to work one at a time.

2. Update regarding Clayton County Office Emergency Management - Chief Landry Merkison

At this time, Chief Landy Merkison provided an update regarding the Clayton County Emergency Management.

- Clayton County offices will remain closed until midnight April 12, 2020 with the exception of essential services.
- All municipal law enforcement agencies have been issued vehicle decontamination kits to ensure their vehicle remain sanitized.
- Additional informational and guidance concerning COVID-19 is available on the Clayton County website; [www.claytoncountyga.gov](http://www.claytoncountyga.gov).
- All information is updated and vetted daily. As of today's date there are 21 confirmed cases and 1 confirmed death. No cases within the city limits of Jonesboro at this time.
- The testing location on Mt. Zion Road is a State Sponsored facility ran by Clayton County Public Health. This location is a Physician's Referral location only and not opened to the public.

3. Council to consider Resolution #2020-006 imposing Social Distancing and prohibiting certain gatherings as a result of the declared Health Emergency.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [5 TO 1]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pat Sebo-Hand, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Wise, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sebo-Hand, Lester, Messick, Powell, Wise
<b>NAYS:</b>	Sartor

**Councilmember Messick** - In favor of the curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. as long as it does not hinder aid.

**Councilmember Sartor** - Not in favor of the curfew because we can not enforce it.

**Councilmember Powell** - In favor of the curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m. and expresses the need to enforce churches to limit the number of people gathering.

**Councilmember Lester** - In favor of the curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**Councilmember Wise** - In favor of the curfew from 9:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

**Councilmember Sebo-Hand** - In favor of the curfew from 10:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

4. Council to consider approval of Ordinance #2020-005 protecting employees of the City of Jonesboro during the declared COVID-19 Health Emergency.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Pat Sebo-Hand, Mayor Pro-Tem
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Billy Powell, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sebo-Hand, Lester, Messick, Powell, Sartor, Wise

**IV. OTHER BUSINESS - NONE**

**V. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Motion to adjourn at 7:04 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Billy Powell, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Ed Wise, Councilmember
<b>AYES:</b>	Sebo-Hand, Lester, Messick, Powell, Sartor, Wise

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