

**CITY OF JONESBORO  
WORK SESSION  
170 SOUTH MAIN STREET  
June 1, 2020 – 6:00 PM**

**MINUTES**

The City of Jonesboro Mayor & Council held their Work Session on Monday, June 1, 2020. The meeting was held at 6:00 PM at the Jonesboro Police Station, 170 South Main Street, Jonesboro, Georgia.

**AGENDA**

- 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	
Wilfred Norwood	Interim Chief of Police	Present	
Sandra Meyers	Finance Officer	Present	

**III. INVOCATION - MAYOR DAY READ A PRAYER BY DR. JAMES WESTBERRY**

**IV. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

1. Motion to accept the agenda with the following amendments.

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

- Omit Item #5 - Discussion regarding the purchase and buy back of firearms for the Police Department.
- Add Executive Session for the discussion of real estate.

**V. WORK SESSION**

1. Mayor and Council to consider 20-VAR-002, a variance concerning the continued use of exterior vinyl siding in the H-2 Historic District by Dawn L. Murray / House of Dawn for property located at 1115 New Dawn Court (Parcel No. 05241B B007A), Jonesboro, Georgia 30236.

At this time, Dawn Murry-Hartman owner of House of Dawn, Whitney Fitzgerald Building Manager of Knight Homes, Jean Hilyard and Mike Smith of Home Aid Atlanta were present to speak during the Public Hearing.

Dawn Murry-Hartman - stated that when she attended the Historic Preservation meeting, the committee was adamant about the exterior matching the other homes in the area and she communicated to the builder what was communicated to her. Mrs. Murray-Hartman also stated that she was not familiar with the term hardieplank as a building material as that is not her line of work. As a Non-Profit it would be costly to change from vinyl siding to hardieplank.

Mrs. Murray-Hartman asked if hardieplank would be allowed on the front only due to the financial hardship changing all sides would cause.

**RESULT:**

**PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED**

**Next: 6/8/2020 6:00 PM**

2. Mayor and Council to consider Ord. 2020-010, a proposed text amendment to the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances, with the addition of Article III "Specimen Tree Protection" to Chapter 82 – Vegetation, of the City of Jonesboro Code of Ordinances.

The following questions and concerns were raised by council:

**Councilmember Sebo-Hand** - If a tree must be trimmed or cut, are residents to come before council to request an approval? Who visits the locations to determine the specimen of the trees?

**Councilmember Lester** - Does this ordinance govern threatening trees from neighboring yards?

**Councilmember Messick** - Great ordinance for new builds to manage the amount of trees taken down and replaced. As it relates to residents in the city, this ordinance is too much of an expense on the residents.

**Councilmember Wise** - The process to have a tree inspected is too long. Can the ordinance be modified to allow a certified tree service to determine a diseased tree?

**Councilmember Sartor** - Is there anything separate for pruning of a tree?

**Mayor Joy Day** - Does the "grandfathering" clause relate to anyone who has started the tree removal process before the ordinance is passed?

For new developments who visits the site to check to see if the plan is accurate?

If a tree is diseased who provides the Arborist report?

Mr David Allen provided clarification that the maintenance and pruning of tree is defined in the ordinance and he will be the initial point of contact to inspect the tree. If a tree is viewed as diseased, an arborist will be notified.

Hearing comments from Mr. Allen, staff will modify the residential ordinance to soften the ordinance for residential property owners.

**RESULT:****PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED****Next: 6/8/2020 6:00 PM**

3. Discussion regarding purchase of DocuSign.

Mr. Clark stated that as we continue to operate remotely, we would like to add DocuSign as an electronic signature provider. If approved, the first full roll out of this program would be within our Probation Department and the Courts. The service includes ten licenses and fifteen envelopes. This system will also decrease contact by City employees with the public until further guidance is provided regarding COVID-19. Total cost is \$5,520.00.

Kelli Duffy, Court Clerk provided additional information - The Supreme Justice order states that we must handle some cases. In the event Mayor and Council decides not to open court to the public, we would like to put the virtual court session into play for probation revocation and jail court session.

**RESULT:****CONSENT AGENDA ITEM****Next: 6/8/2020 6:00 PM**

4. Discussion regarding the revised 2020 Intergovernmental Agreement for the Use and Distribution of proceeds from the 2021 Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Capital Outlay Projects.

**RESULT:****CONSENT AGENDA ITEM****Next: 6/8/2020 6:00 PM**

5. Update regarding City of Jonesboro COVID-19 Operations.

Mr. Clark, City Manager provided the following:

- Our current City state of emergency expires July 30, 2020 - looking for direction from Council as to what you wish to do.
- Received recommendation from four Councilmembers to re-open Lee Street Park.
- Will continue to work on a staggered schedule at City Hall and limit contact with the public.
- Scheduled walk through for cleaning companies to provide an estimate for cleaning our buildings.
- Public Works Department will continue to clean the bathrooms at Lee Street Park daily.

**Councilmember Sartor** - Recommends not sanitizing the park equipment and the restrooms at Lee Street Park.

**Councilmember Sebo** - The Farmers Market has been opened for the last two weeks and there have not been any issues with the restrooms being closed. Recommends opening the park back up to include the basketball and tennis court.

**Councilmember Powell** - Disagrees with opening the basketball court and maintain social distancing.

**Councilmember Wise** - Recommends opening the basketball and posting signs informing participants to follow CDC guidelines for social distancing.

**Councilmember Messick** - Recommends opening the park and post signs so the city is covered.

The majority consensus is to open the park which includes opening the basketball and tennis courts.

Mr. Clark will take the feedback from this dialogue, bring back the originally adopted ordinance and revise it for final vote on Monday June 8, 2020.

**VI. OTHER BUSINESS**

**VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1. Motion to enter Executive Session to discuss real estate

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Ed Wise, Councilmember
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Billy Powell, Councilmember
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2. Motion to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Meeting at 8:06 PM.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

1. Motion to adjourn at 8:07 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
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JOY B. DAY – MAYOR

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RICKY L. CLARK, JR. – CITY MANAGER