



### Minutes for Public meeting on February 11, 2025

A public hearing was held at 5:30 for questions and concerns pertaining to Traffic and Vehicle Code Ordinance (2025-001) and Criminal Code Ordinance (2025-002).

1. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Mayor James “Spike” Harris.
2. **Roll Call:** A quorum was established with the following members present (Aldermen Evans, Flowers, and Ginn). Alderman Hunter arrived at 5:56 pm. Alderman Robbie Siadek was not present.
3. **Invocation:** The invocation was held by Alderman James Ginn.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Devin Flowers.
5. **Public Comments:** None
6. **Motion to amend agenda:** Mayor Harris asked for a motion to amend the agenda to reflect 18A1 as personnel requests for the police. The motion was made by Alderman at Large Nia Evans, seconded by Alderman Robert Hunter. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.  
**Approval of Agenda:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman at Large Evans. All in favor, motion passed.
7. **Approval of Minutes from January 14, 2025:** A motion was made by Alderman Flowers to approve the minutes from January 14, 2025, seconded by Alderman Hunter. All in favor, motion passed.
8. **Approval of Financials from January 2025:** A motion was made by Alderman at Large Evans, seconded by Alderman Ginn. Discussion was made. A motion to table the approval of financials until March 2025 was made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Flowers. All in favor, motion passed.
9. **To Adopt the Traffic and Vehicle Code Ordinance (2025-001):** A motion was made by Alderman at Large Evans, seconded by Alderman Hunter to adopt the traffic and vehicle code ordinance (2025-001). No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.
10. **To Adopt the Jonesboro Criminal Code Ordinance (2025-002);** A motion was made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Alderman at Large Evans to adopt the criminal code ordinance (2025-002). No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.
11. **To Adopt a Resolution to submit an application for A States’ Community Infrastructure Fund (DRA):** A motion was made to adopt a Resolution to submit an application for A States’ Community Infrastructure Fund (DRA) Alderman at Large Evans, seconded by Alderman Ginn. All in favor, motion passed.
12. **To Adopt a Resolution to submit an application for the 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF):** A motion was made to adopt a Resolution to submit an application

- for the 2024-2025 Community Water Enrichment Fund (CWEF) by Alderman Hunter, seconded by Alderman at Large Evans. All in favor, motion passed.
13. **To Adopt a Resolution to submit an application for the 2024-2025 Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP):** A motion was made to adopt a Resolution to submit an application for the 2024-2025 Louisiana Government Assistance Program (LGAP) was made by Alderman at Large Evans, seconded by Alderman Hunter. All in favor, motion passed.
  14. **To Amend a resolution (2023-009) adding Mayor James “Spike” Harris as the signatory party. (DOTD Sidewalk Project):** A motion was made to amend a resolution (2023-009) adding Mayor James “Spike” Harris as the signatory party. (DOTD Sidewalk Project”) was made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Alderman Flowers. The motion passed with 3 yays (Aldermen Ginn, Flowers, and Hunter). Alderman at Large Evans abstained.
  15. **Condemnation Hearings per Ordinance # 534 Section: 20-56**
    - A. **724 Allen:** Compliance officer Austin Ballott requested that the council grant another extension for the regular scheduled meeting, March 11, 2025.
  16. **Rehearing for Adams Street buildings p# 0105020850:** There was no representation from the owner for the Adams Street Buildings. The compliance officer recommended moving forward with the condemnation of the buildings for safety reasons. Alderman Flowers updated the council on the future for the buildings, the current owner has plans to sell the buildings in the upcoming days.
  17. **Vote to condemn structure/building at:**
    - A. **724 Allen:** A motion was made to reset the hearing until March 11, 2025, was made by Alderman Ginn and seconded by Alderman Evans. All in favor, motion passed.
    - B. **Adams Street Buildings p# 0105020850:** A motion to move forward with the condemnation of the Adam Street Buildings p#0105020850 was made by Alderman at Large Evans and seconded by Alderman Ginn. A discussion was made. A vote was taken: 2 yays (Ginn and Evans) and 2 Nays (Hunter and Flowers), which resulted in a tie. The tie was broken by Mayor Harris with a yay. Motion passed.
  18. **Department Head Reports:**
    - A. **Police Department:** Chief Smith updated the council on the collections for the month of January. Animal control is still a concern for him. He is also looking for software to accept credit card payments for ticket fines.

**18A1:** Chief Smith made a recommendation to hire Kerry Mullins, post certified, as a full-time office. Alderman at Large Evans made the motion, seconded by Alderman Ginn. All in favor, motion passed.
    - B. **Compliance & Public Works:** Public Works has implemented a new work order system. The lift station on Leon Drive is operating with one pump. A new will be ordered soon for that lift station.
    - C. **Fire Department:** Chief Blalock updated the council on the number of calls for the month. He is in the process of filing paperwork for Pial.
  19. **Approval of Department Head Reports:** A motion was made to approve the department head reports by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman at Large Evans. All in favor, motion passed.
  20. **Alderman Comments**

**Evans:** Thanks for coming.

**Flowers:** Thanks for coming, stay dry.

**Hunter:** Thanks for coming, stay dry and safe.

**Ginn:** Appreciates employees for all their hard work and stay safe.

**21. Mayor's Comments:** Mayor Harris asked the council and the public to keep Randy McKinney in their prayers.

**22. Adjournment:** A motion to adjourn was made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Ginn. All in favor. Motion passed.

**Attest:**

**Signature:**

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**Catrice Hudson, Clerk**

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**James Harris, Mayor**