Town of Jonesboro
Board of Aldermen Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026 – 6:00 PM

Town of Jonesboro Conference Room
128 Allen Avenue, Jonesboro, LA 71251
(318) 259-2385

Mayor Dr. James Harris

1. **Call to Order**: The regular public meeting for the Town of Jonesboro was called to order by Mayor Dr. James Harris on August 11, 2026, at 6:00pm.
2. **Roll Call:** Roll call of officers by Mayor Harris. A quorum was established with the following members:
   Alderman Nia Watkins (Alderman at Large)
   Alderman Tracy Ginn (District A)
   Alderman Robbie Siadek (District B)
   Alderman Robert Hunter (District C)
   Alderman Devin Flowers (District D)
3. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by Alderman Hunter.
4. **Pledge:** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Alderman Siadek.
5. **Approval of Agenda:** Mayor Harris asked for a motion to approve the agenda; stated the agenda was changed to add agenda #9: Review Report of Planning and Zoning Commission and Zoning Map. Item #10 is now Introduction of Ordinance Adopting the Zoning Map, and every other item on the agenda was moved down. A motion was made by Ginn and second by Flowers to approve the amended agenda. A motion for approval of the agenda was made by Evans, and second by Hunter. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.
6. **Public Comments: No** public comments.
7. **Approval of Minutes from July 2026.** Motioned by Flowers and second by Siadek. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried
8. **Approval of Financials for June 2026.** Motioned by Evans and second by Siadek. No discussion. All in favor. Motion carried.

9. **Review Report on Planning and Zoning Commission regarding Amendment of Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map.** There was no motion, just a review. Discussion: Flowers asked if it had to be advertised for public hearing. Attorney Breedlove answered yes and stated this is the report that the Planning and Zoning Commission had before the scheduled Council meeting. By law, the Commission is required to give the Board a report. Next, the Board will introduce the prepared Ordinance; it will be advertised three times, then placed on the agenda for adoption next month. Flowers asked when it is time to vote, could corrections be made. Attorney Breedlove stated yes, however, if there is something that needs to be corrected, contact her with the corrections to help meeting run smoother. There were no more discussions.
10. **Introduction of an Ordinance Adopting the Official Zoning Map, Revising the Comprehensive Zoning Regulations for the Town of Jonesboro, Louisiana, and Providing for the Administration, Enforcement, and Amendment Thereof, in Accordance with the Provisions La.R.S.33:4721-33:4730, and the Repeal of All Ordinances in Conflict Herewith.** Motion by Flowers and second by Siadek. Discussion: Mayor Harris stated Zoning Board met today. Attorney Breedlove stated she drafted an Ordinance to get the Zoning Map up to compliance because it had not been adopted or amended in quite some time. As part of adopting an official Zoning Map, the only one that could be found was from 40 years ago. Attorney Breedlove contacted GIS in Ruston, LA who helped prepare the map. All in favor. Motion passed. Attorney Breedlove stated there will be a public hearing next month.
11. **Discuss Central Street Property being Donated to the Town of Jonesboro.** Discussion: Compliance Officer Ballott stated property owner asked if the property could be donated to the town and if possible, could he relinquish ownership of the property. Ballott stated he hoped the Council would consider receiving the property.
    A. Motion by Flowers and second by Evans.
    B. Discussion: Siadek: When the Town accepts land by donation, are we keeping track of the amount spent on the property when cutting grass and or demolishing dwellings. Mayor: Yes, any clean-up costs incurred by the town will be added to the tax bill, and the property will be available for tax sale. Flowers: suggested that the town should have the property owner responsible for cleaning up the property; they will have thirty days to clean property. Mayor agreed with suggestions. All in favor. Motion passed.
12. **Department Head Reports**
    A. **Police Department:** Absent. No report.
    B. **Compliance:** Compliance Officer Ballott reported that the council had his report in their packets. Reported one house was burned down on Tolar Street; thanked the Fire Department for their assistance.
    C. **Public Works:** Responded to approximately 70 water-related leaks. Upcoming Projects & Work include road repair and improvements on Congo Street, Harrison Street, and Leon Drive. Christmas light preparations will begin in September.

D. **Fire Department:** Absent. No report.

13. **Approval of Department Head Reports:** Motion by Flowers second by Evans to approve Compliance and Public Works report. All in favor. Motion passed.
14. **Alderman Comments:**
    A. Alderman Ginn: Wished all the Alderman the best of luck in seeking re-election. The team has done a good job, wants to continue working with the team, and thanked everyone who came.
    B. Alderman Hunter: Thanked everyone for coming out.
    C. Alderman Evans: Thanked everyone for coming and looks forward to continuing to work with them as they push Jonesboro forward. Evans wished everyone good luck in their quest for re-election.
    D. Alderman Flowers: Thanked everyone for coming out, continue to pray for the town.
    E. Alderman Siadek. Thanked everyone for coming out.
15. **Mayor's Comments:** Wished good luck to everyone; congratulations to the team and the town for an outstanding job; invited everyone to come out to the Deacons for Defense Walking Trail for the Back to School Bash from 11 AM to 4PM on August 15, 2026.
16. **Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Flowers; second by Evans. All in favor. Motion passed.

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Town Clerk Mayor James Harris