



Town of Jonesboro

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****Town of Jonesboro****
****Board of Aldermen Monthly Meeting Minutes****

****Date: ** August 13, 2024**

****Location: ** Charles Garrett Community Center, 182 Industrial Drive, Jonesboro, LA 71251**

Mayor James "Spike" Harris called the meeting to order.

Roll Call:

A quorum was established with the following members present Devin Flowers, Robert Hunter, James Ginn, Nia Johnson, and Robbie Siadek.

Invocation:

Led by Robbie Siadek.

Pledge of Allegiance:

Led by Robert Hunter.

Approval of Agenda:

Mayor Harris requested a motion to approve the agenda. A motion to add S Mart (Old Fred's Building) was made by Robbie Siadek and seconded by Robert Hunter. All in favor. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes:

A motion to approve the minutes from the July 9, 2024, meeting was made by Robbie Siadek and seconded by Flowers. The motion passed.

Public Comments: A citizen commended Compliance Officer Austin Ballott for effectively addressing nuisances surrounding a local business.

Rezoning Request:

A motion to rezone 1641 South Hudson from commercial to residential was made by Nia Johnson and seconded by Robbie Siadek. After a discussion clarifying the details, the motion passed unanimously.

Introduction of Water Rates:

Mayor Harris requested a motion to introduce Ordinance 2024-007 to increase water rates. Devin Flowers motioned to table the introduction, seconded by Robert Hunter. The motion failed with 2 in favor (Devin Flowers and Robert Hunter) and 3 against (Nia Johnson, James Ginn, and Robbie Siadek). After further review, a motion to approve the introduction was made by Robbie Siadek and seconded by James Ginn, passing unanimously.

Resignation of Town Clerk/Tax Collector:

Mayor Harris requested a motion to accept the resignation of Tatjana Marsh as Town Clerk and Tax Collector. Nia Johnson made the motion, seconded by Devin Flowers. The motion passed with no discussion.

Signature Authority:

A motion to grant signature authority to Catrice Hudson was made by Devin Flowers and seconded by Nia Johnson, passing unanimously.

Personnel Requests for Police Department:

Chief Smith recommended promoting Post Certified Officer Anthony Dill from part-time to full-time. Mayor Harris requested a motion, which was made by Devin Flowers and seconded by Robert Hunter. The motion passed unanimously.

Department Head Reports:

- Compliance:

Austin Ballott reported that eight blighted properties have been addressed as of August 13, 2024, with \$1,275.00 collected. He recommended condemning three properties.

- A motion to demolish 411 Mitchell Street was made by Nia Johnson and seconded by James Ginn. Following a discussion, the motion passed with 4 in favor and 1 against.

- A motion to condemn 415 Hudson Avenue was made by Nia Johnson and seconded by Robbie Siadek, passing unanimously.

- A motion to condemn 123 Cooper Ave was made by Robbie Siadek and seconded by Robert Hunter, also passing unanimously.

- Public Works:

Karl Johnson reported that the street department is working diligently to stay ahead of the mowing schedule. The water department is now addressing leaks internally rather than hiring a contractor. A sensor has been ordered for high tanks to assist with monitoring water levels.

- Fire Department Update:

Kyle Wilkerson reported a total of 82 calls for the month of July.

- Police Update:

Chief Smith recommended an increase in Assistant Chief Warren Johnson's salary. Nia Johnson made a motion, seconded by James Ginn. A discussion about compensatory and vacation time ensued, and the motion passed unanimously.

S Mart Stores:

The owner of the old Fred's Building requested a change in the requirements for establishing a liquor store across from Civil Rights Park. The council informed him that the ordinance would need to be reviewed after consulting the state regarding legality.

Alderman Comments:

- Devin Flowers thanked everyone for attending and encouraged prayers for Jonesboro.

- Robert Hunter expressed gratitude and excitement, urging patience as they learn.

- Robbie Siadek thanked everyone for their participation.

- Nia Johnson encouraged continued prayers and support.

- James Ginn thanked everyone for coming.


Mayor Comments:

Mayor Harris expressed appreciation to all for attending.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Devin Flowers and seconded by Robert Hunter. The meeting adjourned.

Signed



Date 08/21/2024