

Town of Jonesboro

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Minutes of January 14, 2025 Board of Alderman Meeting

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Mayor James "Spike" Harris

Roll Call: A quorum was established with the following members present, Devin Flowers, Robert Hunter, James Ginn, and Robbie Siadek (arrived at 6:03 pm). Alderman Nia Evans was absent.

Invocation: Alderman Ginn

Pledge of Allegiance: Alderman Hunter

Public Comments: None

Mayor Harris asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Mayor Harris amended item number ten to reflect (10a) to take action on approving the bid for the water meter replacements, (10b) reflect a discussion of updating the sales tax ordinance, and item number 15 would reflect (15a) Executive Session. A motion was made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Alderman Siadek.

Approval of Agenda: A motion to approve the agenda was made by Robbie Siadek and seconded by Alderman Hunter. There was no discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Minutes from December 10, 2024: A motion to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024, was made by Alderman Flowers, seconded by Alderman Hunter. All in favor, motion passed.

Approval of Financials from December 2024: A motion to approve the financials from December 2024 was made by Alderman Hunter, seconded by Alderman Ginn. No discussion. A vote was taken (Flowers: Nay Hunter: Yay Siadek: Yay Ginn: Yay). Motion passed.

Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the Traffic and Vehicle Code: A motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-001 to adopt the traffic and vehicle code was made by Alderman Ginn and seconded by Alderman Siadek. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

Introduction of an Ordinance to Adopt the Jonesboro Criminal Code: A motion to introduce Ordinance 2021-002 to adopt the Jonesboro Criminal Code was made by Alderman Siadek and seconded by Alderman Hunter. No discussion. All in favor, motion passed.

A. **Approve bids for water meters:** A motion to approve the bids to update the water meters was made by Alderman Ginn, seconded by Alderman Hunter. All in favor, motion passed

B. **Sales Tax Ordinance:** A discussion was held to amend the sales and use tax ordinance.

Condemnation Hearings per Ordinance # 534 Section: 20-56

A. **724 Allen**

1. The owners of 724 Allen requested an extension to bring property into compliance; Public hearing date has been reset for this property on February 11, 2025, during the regular scheduled council meeting.

B. **Adams Street Buildings p# 0105020850**

1. There was a representation, different from the information on the tax assessor's website and the Town of Jonesboro's records, stating that he was the owner of the property.

C. **405 Central**

1. No representation from Ownership

D. **326 Fourth Street**

1. No representation from Ownership

E. **209 Cooper**

1. No representation from Ownership

Vote to condemn structures/buildings at:

724 Allen:

A motion to table this condemnation for Tuesday, February 11, 2025 was made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman Hunter.

Adams Street Buildings p# 0105020850: Alderman Siadek made a motion to condemn Adams Street Buildings p# 0105020850, seconded by Alderman Ginn. Alderman Flowers was concerned that the property owner did not receive a certified letter. Compliance office, Austin Ballott, provided documentation to confirm the name that was on file at the tax assessor's office and the Town of Jonesboro. A vote was taken (Ginn: Yay. Siadek: Yay. Hunter: Nay. Flowers: Nay). Mayor Harris broke the tie with a vote of Yay. Motion passed.

405 Central: Alderman Flowers made a motion to condemn the structure on 405 Central, seconded by Alderman Siadek. Motion passed.

326 Fourth Street: Alderman Ginn made a motion to condemn the structure on 326 Fourth, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion passed.

209 Cooper: Alderman Siadek made a motion to condemn the structure on 209 Cooper, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion Passed.

Personnel Requests for Police Department: None

Department Head Reports:

Police Department

Compliance

Public Works: Karl Johnson updated the council on the two lift stations down.

Fire Department

Approval of Department Head Reports: A motion was made to approve the department head reports by Alderman Siadek, seconded by Alderman Hunter. Motion passed.

The Mayor and Council entered the Executive Session.

Alderman Comments:

Flowers: None

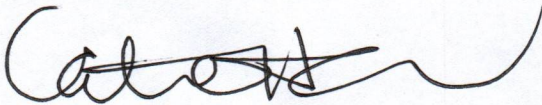
Hunter: None

Siadek: Thanked everyone for coming.

Ginn: Thanked everyone for coming.

Mayor's Comments: Mayor Harris thanked everyone for coming and invited everyone to come to the State of the Town address on Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 6 pm.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Alderman Flowers and seconded by Alderman Siadek. Motion passed.



Catrice Hudson