

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.

1. **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
2. **Sales Tax Ordinance:** A discussion was held to amend the sales and use tax ordinance.

**Condemnation Hearings per Ordinance # 534 Section: 20-56**

1. **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.
2. **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.
3. **405 Central**
	1. No representation from Ownership
4. **326 Fourth Street**
	1. No representation from Ownership
5. **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.