

## ***CITY OF JONESBORO***

### **PUBLIC HEARING MEETING AGENDA FOR MAY 18, 2020**

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mayor Ken Blandford**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. BUSINESS**
  - a. Discussion on Resolution 2020-R-02 - Tentative Annual Budget for the City of Jonesboro, Illinois, for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year
- 4. ADJOURNMENT**

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- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - A. Approval of May 04, 2020 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - B. Approval of May 04, 2020 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
- 4. GUESTS**

Robbie Ralls - Putting Residential Homes on 100 Cook Avenue
- 5. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Shelly Pender
- 6. ZONING REPORT** - John Pickel
- 7. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** - David Wilkins
- 8. CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Billy Alsip
- 9. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** - Tim Denny
- 10. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** - Tim Bowen
- 11. BUSINESS**
  - A. Approval of Bills for Payment
- 12. OLD BUSINESS**
  - A. Increase in July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Donation
  - B. Decision on Union County Dispatch Agreement
- 13. NEW BUSINESS**
  - A. Approval of Ordinance 2020 - 02, Adopting and Approving the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year Beginning May 01, 2020 and Ending April 30, 2021 for the City of Jonesboro, Illinois
  - B. Approval of Pay Increases by \$.65 per hour for David Wilkins, Brent Sims, Billy Alsip, and Barbara Casper
  - C. Approval of Mayor Blandford's Committees and Appointees for the Fiscal year May 01, 2020 - April 30, 2021
  - D. Approval to Purchase New Weedeaters for the Cemetery
  - E. Discussion of the Alcohol & Marijuana/ Drug Policy
- 14. MAYOR'S REPORT** - Ken Blandford
- 15. CLOSED SESSION** (if necessary)
- 16. ADJOURNMENT**

## **COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**May 04, 2020**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

The Jonesboro City Council convened for the regular meeting on May 04, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonesboro Fire Station with Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Boyd presiding.

### **ROLL CALL**

Alderman present at roll call were Bart Hileman, Brandi Boyd, Beverly Schaefer, Steve Haldeman, Mike Stegle, and Ken Carlson. Others present were City Attorney Tim Denny, Police Chief David Wilkins, City Superintendent Billy Alsip, Zoning - John Pickel, City Clerk Barbara Casper, and City Treasurer Shelly Pender. Mayor Ken Blandford was in attendance after his recent back surgery. Absent was Fire Chief Tim Bowen.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Steve Haldeman, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ken Carlson, approving the March 16, 2020 regular meeting minutes. All approved. Motion carried.

Alderman, Bart Hileman, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman approving the April 07, 2020 Emergency Meeting minutes. All approved. Motion carried.

### **GUESTS**

### **REPORT**

Alderman Mike Stegle, made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman, accepting the Treasurer's Report for March 2020 as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

Zoning- John Pickel had a building permit from Chad Hurst, 703 E. Heacock Street for a 30 x 40 with a lean to. There will be no city utilities requested for this building. Hurst purchased an acre of land behind his house with the entrance off Williams Street. The building will be less than \$20,000.00 and a \$40.00 building permit fee accompanied the application.

Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman approving the building permit for Chad Hurst's 30 x 40 building. All approved. Motion carried.

Police Chief David Wilkins talked about Brent Sims being off awaiting back surgery. Chief Wilkins has RJ Bridges and Jesse Vincente willing to fill some of the shifts. Tim Smith is also taking a few shifts. Alderman Mike Stegle mentioned he was approached by someone that was working part time for Cobden about working for Jonesboro too. Chief Wilkins stated the person Alderman Stegle was talking about did not have any PT schooling. Chief Wilkins asked the City of Jonesboro to hire RJ Bridges and Jesse Vincente as part time Police Officers.

Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Bart Hileman approving the hiring of RJ Bridges and Jesse Vincente as part time police officers. All approved. Motion carried.

Clerk Casper asked about removing some of the names on the part time list from the insurance bonding. Chief Wilkins replied with Roy Walker passing away he could be removed.

City Superintendent Billy Alsip had nothing to report at this time.

Attorney Tim Denny has been working on Resolution 2020-R02 for the Public Hearing on the annual budget for the City of Jonesboro, and Ordinance 2020-02 the Adopting and Approving of the annual budget for the fiscal year May 01, 2020 - April 30, 2021, for the May 18, 2020, Public Hearing Meeting and the regular Jonesboro Council meeting. Tim Denny asked to discuss the personnel issue under closed session.

## **BUSINESS**

Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beverly Schaefer, approving the bills as presented including the Illinois Codification Service bill. All approved. Motion carried.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Mayor Blandford, Alderman Brandi Boyd, and Police Chief David Wilkins joined in on a teleconference with the Mayor of Anna, Anna Administrator, Dongola Mayor, and Cobden Mayor discussing the Union County Dispatch fees. City of Anna has worked up an adjusted proposal for all four townships. The consensus was to pay a portion of the salary but with no FICA or benefits. All Mayors were in agreement with the adjusted proposal. Cobden, Dongola, and Jonesboro were all holding meetings on the same night and would present this proposal to their boards. Anna will meet on Tuesday night and will present this to its board.

After all four towns meet and approve the proposals this will be presented to the Union County Commissioners at a Union County Board meeting.

Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman approving the adjusted proposal from the City of Anna for the Union County Dispatch fees. All approved.

Roll call taken: Brandi Boyd Yea Bart Hileman Abstain  
Beverly Schaefer Yea Steve Haldeman Yea Mike Stegle Yea  
Ken Carlson Yea. Motion carried with five affirmative votes.

Union County Drug Task Force Agreement was tabled.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Clerk Casper explained the CourtMoney Payment System to the Alderman. This system will allow utility customers to pay over the internet, use debit/credit cards over the counter at no cost to the City of Jonesboro. The cost is passed on to the utility customer using the payment system. City of Anna, Union County Circuit Clerk, and the Union County Sheriff Department have joined CourtMoney. After some discussion, Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ken Carlson, approving the City of Jonesboro signing on with CourtMoney. All approved. Motion carried.

The City of Anna is asking the City of Jonesboro to increase their donation for the July 4<sup>th</sup> Fire works display. After much discussion an increase in the donation for the fireworks was tabled.

The Alderman looked over the proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning May 01, 2020 and ending April 30, 2021. Alderman Ken Carlson expressed his concern for the budget. Carlson expressed the State money is going to be decreased tremendously due to the Covid-19 virus, and funds are going to be tight next year. Many others agreed. After all concerns were heard, Alderman Bart Hileman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beverly Schaefer approving the 2020-2021 budget for Public Display and the Public Hearing Meeting. Roll Call taken: Brandi Boyd Yea Bart Hileman Yea Beverly Schaefer Yea Steve Haldeman Yea Mike Stegle Yea Ken Carlson Yea. Motion carried by all affirmative votes.

Clerk Casper asked the Mayor Pro- Tem and Alderman if it would be possible for herself and Beverly Boyd to return to a somewhat normal work schedule. This would be both working in the office together but with the doors remain locked to the public. Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman authorizing Clerk Casper and Beverly Boyd to return to working together with the doors locked to the public at this time. All approved. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Billy Alsip stated their schedule was working well.

Alderman Steve Haldeman inquired as to the June Fest for this year. Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Boyd stated it would probably be a no go.

Alderman Ken Carlson stated he thought the library may be thinking of opening up June 1<sup>st</sup>.

At 7:57 p.m. Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman to go into a closed session to discuss personnel.

Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion at 8:33 p.m., seconded by Alderman Ken Carlson to return to open session. All approved.

Clerk Casper reminded the Council of the yearly raise for all the union employees, and at that time Police Chief Wilkins, Assistant Police Chief Sims, City Superintendent Alsip, and Clerk Casper usually also receive the same raise as the union employees. Clerk Casper asked if that was the policy for this year. Attorney Tim Denny suggested that be placed on the agenda for the next meeting but would be retroactive to May 01, 2020.

Clerk Casper had a note in the night drop box asking if the City of Jonesboro had any plans in the future on amnesty for the utility bills? The response was no.

Attorney Tim Denny had looked over the PNC papers for closing out the fountain trust and saw no reason not to sign the agreement.

Clerk Casper asked about a memorial for Roy Walker. The reply was there is going to be a service at a later date.

City Superintendent Alsip talked about stricter regulations on things placed on the graves. Alsip stated there are graves with not one but several shepard hooks and all kinds of trinkets. This makes it really difficult to mow and weed eat around these things. Alderman Mike Stegle replied that City of Anna just revised their regulations and he would get a copy of those revisions for Alsip to review.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

After all business was discussed, Alderman Mike Stegle, made a motion to adjourn this meeting with a second coming from Alderman Steve Haldeman, therefore Mayor Pro Tem Brandi Boyd adjourned this session of the Jonesboro City Council.

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Barbara Casper, City Clerk