

CITY OF JONESBORO

MEETING AGENDA FOR DECEMBER 06, 2021

- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.** Ken Blandford
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - A. Approval of November 15, 2021 Regular Minutes
 - B. Approval of Public Hearing Minutes November 15, 2021
 - C. Approval of Closed Session Minutes November 15, 2021
- 4. GUESTS**
 - Beverly Schaefer - Pictures with Santa
- 5. ZONING REPORT** - Joe Hileman
- 6. POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT** - David Wilkins
- 7. CITY SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT** - Billy Alsip
- 8. CITY ATTORNEY'S REPORT** - Daniel Klingemann
- 9.. FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT** - Tim Bowen
- 10. BUSINESS**
 - A. Bills Approved For Payment
- 11. OLD BUSINESS**
 - A. Legal Notice Forms for Raw Sewage Leakage
 - B. Cobden Gas Transmission Contract
 - C. Ordinance 2021-04 Increasing Utility Rates
 - D. Chapter 29 Update
- 12. NEW BUSINESS**
 - A. Ordinance 2021-06 - Approval of Tax Levy
 - B. Ordinance 2021-07 - Approval of Jonesboro City Council Meeting Dates for 2022
 - C. End of Year (May 01, 2020 - April 30, 2021) Treasurer's Report
- 13. MAYOR'S REPORT**
- 14 CLOSED SESSION**
 - A. Personnel
- 15. ADJOURNMENT**

CITY OF JONESBORO, ILLINOIS

JONESBORO CITY COUNCIL

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

November 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Jonesboro City Council convened for a Public Hearing meeting on November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonesboro City Hall with Mayor Ken Blandford presiding.

ROLL CALL

Aldermen present at roll call were David Waun, Bart Hileman, Beverly Schaefer, Steve Haldeman, Mike Stegle, and Ken Carlson. Others present were Zoning - Joe Hileman, City Treasurer Shelly Pender, and City Clerk Barbara Casper.

BUSINESS

The business at hand was to discuss a requested business variance at 215 N. John Street, Jonesboro, Illinois.

Informational letters were mailed to residents within 250 yards.

There was no one present opposing the business variance, so Mayor Blandford asked for a motion to approve the variance.

Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle approving the business variance for 215 N. John Street, Jonesboro, Illinois. All approved. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

After all business was discussed. Alderman Steve Haldeman, made a motion to adjourn this Public Hearing Meeting with a second coming from Alderman Mike Stegle, therefore Mayor Blandford adjourned this Public Hearing meeting of the Jonesboro City Council.

Barbara Casper, City Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 15, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The Jonesboro City Council convened for the regular meeting on November 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Jonesboro City Hall with Mayor Ken Blandford presiding.

ROLL CALL

Alderman present at roll call were David Waun, Bart Hileman, Steve Haldeman, Beverly Schaefer, Ken Carlson, and Mike Stegle. Others present were City Attorney Daniel Klingemann, Police Chief David Wilkins, Zoning, Joe Hileman, City Clerk Barbara Casper, City Treasurer Shelly Pender, and City Superintendent Billy Alsip. Absent was Fire Chief Tim Bowen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ken Carlson, approving the November 01, 2021 Regular Meeting minutes. All approved. Motion carried.

GUESTS

Ted Beggs, J.T. Blankinship, came with a summary of costs with and without the ARPA funding for the Lagoon project.

City Clerk Casper explained a portion of the ARPA funds has already been approved to give A-J Water Commission \$14,250.00, and City Superintendent Alsip needs approximately \$18,000.00 to repair three water valves.

The water tower project will be a smaller project to get completed.

Alderman Mike Stegle wants to discuss the project further.

Brandi Boyd discussed the Small Business Saturday, November 27, 2021, that is being observed by Anna and Jonesboro business'. City Clerk Casper and Brandi Boyd want to participate with a couple of kids games and letting them write letters to Santa. The Children writing letters to Santa will receive a letter back from Santa. The Mayor or Alderman did not have a problem with the participation from City Hall.

REPORT

Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman Ken Carlson accepting the Treasurer's Report for October 2021 as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

Zoning, Joe Hileman had nothing to report.

Police Chief David Wilkins reported Ben Godinez worked a couple of days for him last week and found an apartment on the Square with lots of drugs in it. They were thinking the drugs were put there by squatters.

BUSINESS

Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman David Waun, approving the bills as presented except for the Ray O'Herron bill. Police Chief David Wilkins has not received the product yet. All approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

City Attorney Daniel Klingemann stated he has the raw sewage leakage form done and will get it to Clerk Casper.

Cobden's Gas Transmission Contract was tabled.

Ordinance 2021-04 Adopting and Approving Utility Rate Increases were tabled. City Attorney Daniel Klingemann will have this ready for approval at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle approving the appointments for the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows: Sarah Gibbs 1 year, Kyle Wheeler 2 years, Archie Hazel 3 years, Casey Johnson 4 Years, Zack Cohen 5 years, and Tim Pearl 6 Years. All approved. Motion carried.

The missing Chapter 29 from the Ordinances was discussed. Mayor Blandford remembered this chapter when the City of Jonesboro codified the ordinances several years ago. Alderman Mike Stegle elaborated more on the chapter, stating it was thrown out because it was too expensive for the City of Jonesboro to consider. Alderman Steve Haldeman spoke with Frank Heiligenstein and Heiligenstein stated what was not fitting to the City of Jonesboro could be thrown out. Mayor Blandford asked Alderman David Waun, Mike Stegle, and Steve Haldeman along with Zoning Joe Hileman to make up the committee to revisit Chapter 29 and bring back to the Council the sections of Chapter 29 that best benefits the City of Jonesboro.

The employee Christmas dinner was discussed. The Council agreed to have the dinner at Mom's Kitchen again this year. Clerk Casper is to check the dates of December 7th or the 9th to see which is available. Clerk Casper asked about purchasing hams for the employees this year. It was agreed to purchase hams again this year.

The Side Letter of Agreement to the Union Labor 318 for the meter reader was reviewed. Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle accepting the side letter of agreement to the Union Labor 318 agreement. All approved. Roll call taken:
David Waun Yea Bart Hileman Yea Beverly Schaefer Yea
Steve Haldeman Yea Mike Stegle Yea Ken Carlson Yea
Motion passed with all affirmative votes.

Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman David Waun approving the \$200.00 partnership to the Union County CEO Program. All approved. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Alsip shared with the Mayor and Alderman the status of the St. Rt. 146 W. Lift station. The motor on the pump went down and had to order a new pump at a cost of \$8,133.60. This was an emergency purchase. Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle approving the emergency purchase of a new pump for St. Rt. 146 W. lift station at a cost of \$8,133.60. All approved. Roll call was taken:
David Waun Yea Bart Hileman Yea Beverly Schaefer Yea
Steve Haldeman Yea Mike Stegle Yea Ken Carlson Yea
Motion passed with all affirmative votes.

Alderman Ken Carlson discussed the rise in natural gas prices. Carlson just wanted to make everyone aware of the rising gas prices.

At 8:01 p.m. Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman Beverly Schaefer to go into closed session to discuss personnel. All approved

Alderman Mike Stegle made a motion at 8:19 p.m. seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman to come out of closed session. All approved.

Alderman Steve Haldeman reported on the lights at the Library. Karen Hallam has contacted Ameren concerning the lights. The lights are old and need to be replaced with LED lights.

City Clerk Casper asked Attorney Daniel Klingemann if he had sent a letter to Levi and Samantha Johnson concerning the condition of 900 Public Square. Klingemann replied there was not a record of a previous letter sent from the past Attorney, Tim Denny. A discussion was

held on who and what the possibilities were for taking down the structure.

Clerk Casper asked City Attorney Daniel Klingemann about preparing a tax levy for the next meeting.

Also, asked City Attorney Klingemann about a letter being sent to Destry Aden concerning his final utility bill. Klingemann replied he thought he had sent it.

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 Ken Blandford adjourned this session of the Jonesboro City Council.

Barbara Casper, City Clerk