

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 21, 2022

CALL TO ORDER

The Jonesboro City Council convened for the regular meeting on March 21, 2022 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, Beverly Schaefer, Steve Haldeman, Mike Stegle, and Ken Carlson. Others present were City Clerk Barbara Casper, Police Chief David Wilkins, City Superintendent Billy Alsip, and City Treasurer Shelly Pender. Absent was Alderman Bart Hileman, City Attorney Daniel Klingemann, Zoning- Joe Hileman, and Fire Chief Tim Bowen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle, approving the March 07, 2022 Regular Meeting minutes with a correction to Ordinance 2022-02 should have been Ordinance 2022-01, Modifying the City of Jonesboro Liquor Code. Ordinance 2022-02 was the Loan Ordinance for 261,000 Gallon Standpipe Rehabilitation Project. All approved. Motion carried.

GUESTS

None

REPORT

Alderman David Waun made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle accepting the Treasurer's Report for February 2022 as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

Police Chief David Wilkins had nothing at this time

City Superintendent Billy Alsip had nothing at this time.

BUSINESS

Alderman Steve Haldeman made a motion, seconded by Alderman David Waun, approving the bills as presented. All approved. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Nothing

NEW BUSINESS

The discussion /approval of revising Chapter 25, Nuisances, of the Revised Code of Ordinances was postponed until after the Operator Labor negotiations are approved and accepted.

Mayor Blandford reported the balance of the Fire Department checking account was \$844.00, and Clerk Casper had already transferred the 2021-2022 budgeted amount of \$11,000.00.

Alderman Mike Stegle made a motion, seconded by Alderman Steve Haldeman, adopting Ordinance 2022-02 - Loan Ordinance for 261,000 gallon Standpipe Rehabilitation Project costing \$400,000.00. All approved. Roll call taken:

David Waun	Yea
Beverly Schaefer	Yea
Steve Haldeman	Yea
Mike Stegle	Yea
Ken Carlson	Yea

Motion carried with five affirmative votes.

The levee at the sewage treatment plant is in need of repair. Ted Beggs, of J.T. Blankinship, will

get estimates for repair and bring the findings back to the Council. The sewage treatment plant discussion was tabled.

The Midwest Republic trash rate increase was tabled.

Alderman Ken Carlson made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle, approving the authorization of Mayor Ken Blandford to sign all the loan application documents for the City of Jonesboro, relating to the 261,000 gallon standpipe project. All approved. Roll call taken:
David Waun Yea Beverly Schaefer Yea Steve Haldeman Yea
Mike Stegle Yea Ken Carlson Yea Motion carried with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Ken Blandford appointed Aldermen Steve Haldeman, and Mike Stegle to the committee formed for looking over the applications and holding interviews for a full time employee in the City Hall. Alderman Beverly Schaefer made a motion, seconded by Alderman David Waun approving the committee formed by Mayor Ken Blandford. All approved. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Alsip asked the Council for authorization to purchase new weed eaters. Alsip stated two of the newest weed eaters had gotten stolen a few months ago with other power tools. Alderman David Waun made a motion, seconded by Alderman Mike Stegle authorizing City Superintendent Alsip to purchase 5 new weed eaters at a cost up to \$2,000.00. All approved. Motion carried.

City Superintendent Alsip reported three water valves had been repaired, but now four more are leaking. Alderman Mike Stegle asked City Superintendent Alsip to get estimates and they would go from there.

Mayor Ken Blandford explained it was time to work on the 2022-2023 budget. The new budget is due to be in place by May 01, 2022. Mayor Ken Blandford asked Aldermen David Waun, Steve Haldeman, and Ken Carlson to set on the committee for the new budget. The committee will work with Scott Hickam.

Police Chief David Wilkins approached the Council to increase the part time police officer's hourly rate of pay from \$13.50 to \$16.50. It is difficult to get a part time officer, when all the surrounding towns pay more per hour than Jonesboro. After some discussion, Alderman Steve Haldeman, made a motion, seconded by Alderman David Waun, approving the increase hourly rate of \$13.50 to \$16.50 per hour effective March 23, 2022 for part time police officers. All approved. Roll call taken: David Waun, Yea Beverly Schaefer Yea
Steve Haldeman Yea Mike Stegle Yea Ken Carlson Yea
Motion carried with five affirmative votes.

Mayor Blandford shared a conversation he had with Sam O'Neal, Union County Market, about someone wanting to purchase the business, but wanted a liquor license. This will be a question for City Attorney Klingemann if a Class "B" license will be valid for a grocery store. Or, does that require another type of liquor license? If it does require another class of license, this will have to be established. All Aldermen present were very positive on creating a new class of license if required. This will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion with the City Attorney.

Alderman Steve Haldeman asked if the Council was still interested in taking pictures? Haldeman has a relative that may be willing to take the pictures. Alderman Haldeman will contact the relative and ask if he will take the pictures for us.

Alderman Ken Carlson reported the committee has a contract response for the City Attorney to review. This will be placed on the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT

After all business was discussed, Alderman Mike Stegle, made a motion to adjourn this meeting with a second coming from Alderman Beverly Schaefer, therefore Mayor Ken Blandford adjourned this session of the Jonesboro City Council.

Barbara Casper, City Clerk