

Town of Jonesboro
Board of Aldermen
Meeting Minutes

Public Hearing and Special Called Meeting
Thursday, December 28, 2017
12:00 P.M.

A public hearing and special called meeting of the Town of Jonesboro Board of Aldermen was held on Thursday, December 28, 2017 at the Jonesboro Town Hall Community Room commencing at 12:10 p.m.

Mayor James Bradford called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Present were: Mr. James Bradford, Ms. Nia Evans, Mr. Devin Flowers, and Mr. Aaron Stringer. Mr. Robbie Siadek and Ms. Janet Martin were not present.

Mr. Flowers led the invocation and Mayor Bradford led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Bradford made brief opening remarks about the purpose of the public hearing and special called meeting. After Mayor Bradford's brief comment, he asked for a motion to approve the meeting's agenda. Mr. Stringer motioned to approve the agenda; Ms. Evans seconded the motion, and the agenda was unanimously approved.

Mayor Bradford read Ordinance 795 by title and opened the public hearing at 12:12 p.m. There were no members of the public in attendance for the meeting. With no public comments, the council discussed how the ordinance would impact local businesses, national and multi-national corporations with locations within Jonesboro, and peddlers. Ms. Evans discussed the possibility of creating a special events and/or festivals exception or a special events and/or festival license with a lower rate for vendors and peddlers who specifically and exclusively conduct business in Jonesboro for the Jackson Parish Sunshine Festival and the Christmas Wonderland in the Pines. The council and Mayor agreed that this was an issue to revisit at a later date. Mayor Bradford entertained a motion to close the public hearing since no members of the public were present and no public comments were made. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Ms. Evans; Mr. Stringer seconded the motion, and the motion carried unanimously. The public hearing closed at 12:25 p.m.

At 12:25 p.m., Mayor Bradford called the special meeting to order.

Mayor Bradford entertained a motion to adopt Ordinance 795. Ms. Evans motioned to adopt Ordinance 795; Mr. Stringer seconded the motion. Ordinance 795 was read by title by Mayor Bradford. Mayor Bradford reiterated that the effective date for the ordinance was January 1, 2018. With no further discussion, the ordinance was adopted unanimously.

The Board of Aldermen had no further comments. Mayor Bradford mentioned to the Aldermen that he intended to submit a letter to the *Jackson Independent* to explain the changes that were made through this ordinance.

With no further comments and no further business, Mayor Bradford entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Flowers motioned to adjourn; Mr. Stringer seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 12:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Kenisha Raybon Smith, Town Clerk