

**Minutes of the Town of Jonesboro
Special Called Meeting – 5:30 P.M.**

**Jonesboro, Louisiana
June 20, 2019**

Call to Order

Mayor Leslie Thompson called the Special Called Meeting to order at 5:35pm

Roll Call

Roll call was taken by Mayor Leslie Thompson

Flowers – present

Ginn-present

Johnson-absent

Siadek-absent

Stringer-present

A quorum was present

Invocation – Flowers

Pledge – Stringer

Mayor Comments

Budget review- second part of budget meeting on the stand point of the Departments Heads wants, needs and concerns.

In January 2019, the legislative auditor's office informed the Town that we would not be on the non-compliance. There were 7 area of grave concerns with regard to the audit. We have made great progress and have addressed 5 of the 7. The two that are left are budget and internal control. We are talking to the Legislative auditors and Kenneth Folden to be absolutely clear on the internal controls that need to be rectified, i.e. separation of duty as it relates to the water department and to make sure these areas are corrected. Lastly, the budget. To be in compliance we are to present a budget to council, get the budget adopted and do it in a timely manner. The budget needs to be passed on June 24, 2019.

The fire department has been operating on \$330,000 for the last couple of years. This is the first year we are able to increase their budget by \$70,000. There are things that they have to have to function properly and going forward they will need protective gear to be safe.

Fire Department-

Pay rate

Equipment- 25 Air packs needed = \$25,000

PIAL-\$5,530 – The PIL can be purchased on a Forestry Grant. On this grant they will reimburse half of the money. Forestry Grant needs to be in by July 1, 2019.

Public Works –

Vehicle for Director
New equipment for Street
Personnel transfer to part time
Grant application submission – (Brad) Sewer assessment is over 1 million ,Water assessment is over 1 million
Uniforms

Police Department

No comment on budget needs from police officer
Described the necessity of the body cam.
Noted: Police department budget increased by \$70,000

Council Comments

Council comments were expressed.

Mayor Comments

Mayor comments were expressed.

Adjournment

Motion by Councilmember Flowers to adjourn. Seconded by Councilmember Stringer .
Motion carried.



Mayor Leslie Thompson



Vivian McCarden, Clerk

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