

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD MARCH 19, 2024**

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10:03 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Community Room at Memorial Park's Natatorium, 610 10th Avenue, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen, Jennifer W. Smith, Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Pledge of Allegiance:** City Planner Brent McCarver

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting March 5, 2024, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were two amendments to the agenda: 1) Consider approving overnight travel for Sanitation employees to attend SWANA training, and 2) Consider going into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

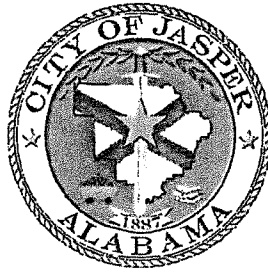
Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Recognize members of the Jasper High School Marching Band, Varsity Cheerleaders, Wrestling, and Girls Basketball Championship teams.** Mayor O'Mary recognized the Jasper High School Marching Band, Jasper High School Varsity Cheerleaders, Carter Reed and Cole Carter of Jasper High School Wrestling, and the Jasper High School Girls Basketball team who all won championship titles during the 2023 athletic season. He presented each of them with a Certificate of Appreciation.

(See following pages)



# Certificate of Recognition

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*Presented to*

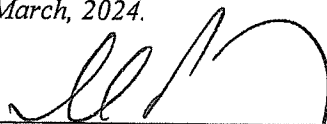
## *Jasper High School Marching Band*


*This evidence of recognition is hereby bestowed upon the Jasper High School Marching Band for winning the 2023 Alabama Marching Band 5A State Championship for the Vikings.*

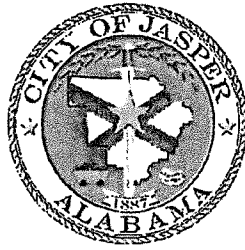
*The Jasper High School Marching Band have exhibited a great deal of natural ability, character, and an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, and are to be highly commended for their accomplishments, and I, as Mayor of the City of Jasper, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council and all the citizens of this community do deem it an honor and privilege to present to the Jasper High School Marching Band this Certificate of Recognition, and wish them well in their future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

  
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David P. O'Mary, Mayor

  
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Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



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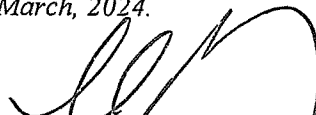
## *Jasper High School Varsity Cheerleaders*

*This evidence of recognition is hereby bestowed upon the Jasper High School Varsity Cheerleaders for winning the 2023 AHSAA 5A Traditional State Championship and the 2023 AHSAA 5A Gameday State Championship for the Vikings, the first in school history.*

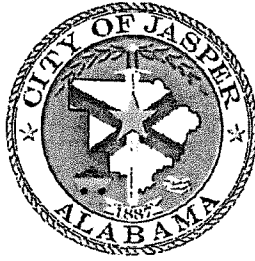
*The Jasper High School Varsity Cheerleaders have exhibited a great deal of natural ability, character, and an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, and are to be highly commended for their accomplishments, and I, as Mayor of the City of Jasper, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council and all the citizens of this community do deem it an honor and privilege to present to the Jasper High School Varsity Cheerleaders this Certificate of Recognition, and wish them well in their future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

  
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David P. O'Mary, Mayor

  
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Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



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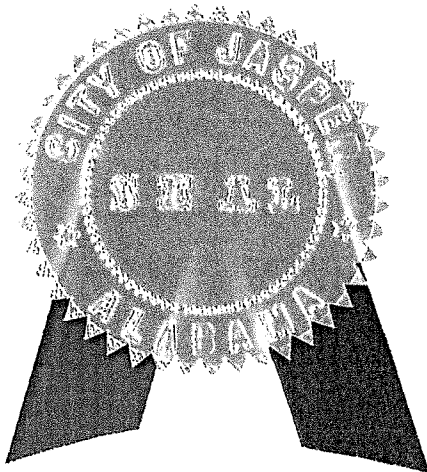
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*Presented to*

## *Jasper High School Wrestling – Carter Reed*

*This evidence of recognition is hereby bestowed upon Carter Reed of Jasper High School Wrestling for winning the AHSAA 5A Wrestling Individual State Championship at 175 lbs. for the Vikings.*

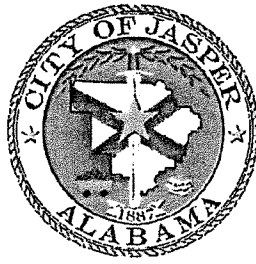
*Carter Reed has exhibited a great deal of natural ability, character, and an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, and is to be highly commended for his accomplishments, and I, as Mayor of the City of Jasper, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council and all the citizens of this community do deem it an honor and privilege to present to Carter Reed this Certificate of Recognition, and wish him well in his future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

*David P. O'Mary, Mayor*

*Kathy Chambless, City Clerk*



# Certificate of Recognition

*Office of the Mayor of Jasper, Alabama*

*Presented to*

## *Jasper High School Wrestling – Cole Carter*

*This evidence of recognition is hereby bestowed upon Cole Carter of Jasper High School Wrestling for winning the AHSAA 5A Wrestling Individual State Championship at 215 lbs. for the Vikings.*

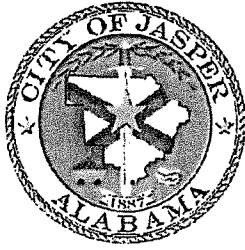
*Cole Carter has exhibited a great deal of natural ability, character, and an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, and is to be highly commended for his accomplishments, and I, as Mayor of the City of Jasper, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council and all the citizens of this community do deem it an honor and privilege to present to Cole Carter this Certificate of Recognition, and wish him well in his future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

*David P. O'Mary, Mayor*

*Kathy Chambless*  
Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk



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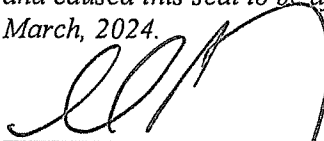
## *Jasper High School Girls Basketball*


*This evidence of recognition is hereby bestowed upon the Jasper High School Girls Basketball team for winning the 2023 AHSAA 5A State Basketball Championship for the Vikings, the first in school history.*

*The Jasper High School Girls Basketball team have exhibited a great deal of natural ability, character, and an outstanding spirit of dedication, enthusiasm, and hard work, and are to be highly commended for their accomplishments, and I, as Mayor of the City of Jasper, and on behalf of the Jasper City Council and all the citizens of this community do deem it an honor and privilege to present to the Jasper High School Girls Basketball team this Certificate of Recognition, and wish them well in their future endeavors.*



*In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused this seal to be affixed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.*

  
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David P. O'Mary, Mayor

  
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Attest: Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider approval of an event permit for the following events: Briars, Bluegrass & BBQ by the Cigar Box, April 6, 2024, on 19<sup>th</sup> Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue; Parade of Champions by Jasper Main Street, April 24, 2024, at 12:30 pm in downtown Jasper.** Special Events Coordinator Kellie Barnes shared that the Parade of Champions will be brought back to a later council meeting to be considered for approval.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve an event permit for Briars, Bluegrass & BBQ by the Cigar Box, April 6, 2024, on 19th Street between 4th and 5th Avenue.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Receive report and consider a recommendation for the audiovisual equipment bid for the new City Hall.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to receive the report of the Purchasing Agent and, based on her recommendation, reject the sole bid from HDI Pros and negotiate the pricing and terms.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider a request for permission to send bid invitations for uniform services.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to approve a request for permission to send bid invitations for uniform services.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Did Not Vote
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes



**Consider adoption of a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.****Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution for nuisance abatement of unsafe structures.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 18**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for unsafe structure exists at:

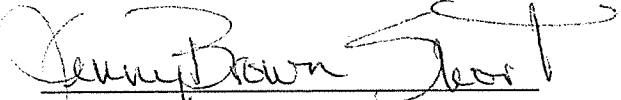
1. 2911 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, J T Chatman, District Five
2. 2304 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Guy Crump, District Five
3. ~~800~~ <sup>see 800</sup> 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Caroline Sparks, District Four
4. 2203 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gilbert Harris, District Four
5. 2208 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Mildred Wilder, District Four
6. 2100 Delaware Avenue, Broman Enterprises, Inc., District Five
7. 2519 Corona Avenue, Betty Jean Hill, Roberta Evans, District Five
8. 606 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Reelee Property, Inc. District Four
9. 1321 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, Cindy and Joshua Kimbrell, District Five

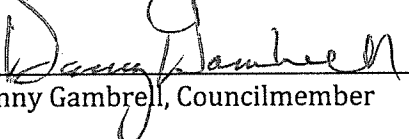
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

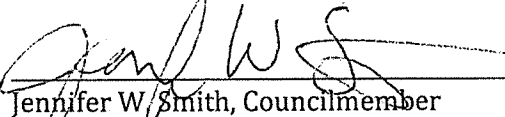
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

**DONE** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2024.

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

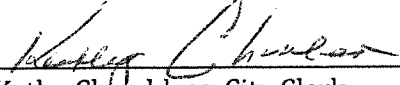
  
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 Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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 Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare a portion of Corona Avenue also be known as Honorary Mary Lou Ridley Wright Avenue.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Smith to adopt a Resolution to declare a portion of Corona Avenue also be known as Honorary Mary Lou Ridley Wright Avenue.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

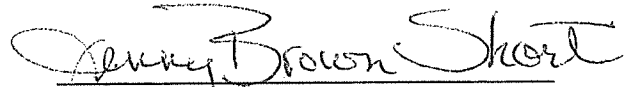
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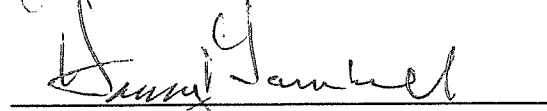
**RESOLUTION NO.: 2024 - 19**


**BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama that a portion of Corona Avenue, from Crutchfield Blvd to the dead end, in the Jasper city limits also be known as:

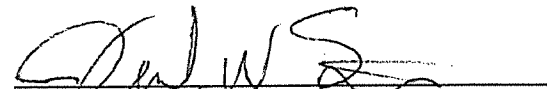
Honorary Mary Lou Ridley Wright Avenue

**ADOPTED** this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

  
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Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

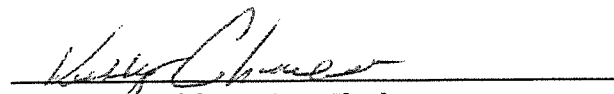
  
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Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

  
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Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
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Willie Moore, III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2023/2024-07 to provide additional funding to Bevill State Community College for the Jump Start program and workforce development.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2023/2024-07 to provide additional funding to Bevill State Community College for the Jump Start program and workforce development.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris and Sanitation employee Chris Hall to attend SWANA training at the SWANA Spring Conference in Orange Beach April 1-4, 2024.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve overnight travel for Sanitation Superintendent Carmen Harris and Sanitation employee Chris Hall to attend SWANA training at the SWANA Spring Conference in Orange Beach April 1-4, 2024.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2023/2024-08 to provide funding for repair and maintenance paving, a Kubota tractor for the Street Department, and audio and visual equipment for the new City Hall. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.**

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 1.6 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at and near Hwy 78 E from the B-2 (Commercial) Zoning District to the M-1 (Light Manufacturing) Zoning District to develop a Processing Facility. During the public hearing, Larry Elliott, David Self, Iva Hendon, and Terry Gordon spoke in opposition to the rezoning. Following the public hearing, no motion was made.**

**Comments:** No comments were made.

**Consider recessing to Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.** City Attorney Russ Robertson certified that the reasons for going into executive session are subject to the exception in the open meetings law that permits executive sessions to discuss pending litigation or controversies imminently likely to be litigated.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith, to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**10:49 a.m. – meeting recessed to Executive Session.**

**10:57 a.m. – Executive Session convened.**

**11:20 a.m. – Executive Session concluded.**

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adjourn the meeting.

**Vote**

Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

11:22 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED:

  
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 Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

  
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 Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator