

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers Jenny Brown Short, Danny Gambrell, Josh Gates, and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor Gary Cowen, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Absent:

Invocation: City Planner Brent McCarver

Pledge of Allegiance: Assistant Street Superintendent Billy Wade

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the minutes of the regular meeting January 21, 2025, be approved.

Vote

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

Consider amendments to the agenda. There was one amendment to the agenda: Consider allowing Mayor Cowen to enter into a real estate exchange agreement with Jasper Consulting LLC.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Short that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of event permits for the following:

- a) **Cruising on the Square by Central Alabama Rodders Society on the first Saturday of April, May, June, July, August, and on October 18, 2025, around the Courthouse Square with blockages on 2nd and 3rd Avenue, with additional blockages on 18th, 19th, and 20th Streets from approximately 1st Ave E to 5th Ave for the car show in October.**
- b) **Art in the Park by Walker County Arts Alliance on May 10, 2025, at Gamble Park, with temporary road blockages on Gamble Ave in the morning and afternoon for setup and takedown.**
- c) **Art Crawl by St. Mary's Episcopal Church and The Trace Church on June 25, 2025, at downtown businesses and on the Courthouse Square**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve event permits for Cruising on the Square, Art in the Park, and an Art Crawl.

Vote

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

Consider a request for permission to renew the following contracts under the same terms and pricing: grounds maintenance at North Jasper Park, grounds maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery, and grounds maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to approve a request to renew the following contracts under the same terms and pricing with Frontline Lawn Care, Premier Lawn Services, LLC, and Eddie Noles Lawn Service for grounds maintenance at North Jasper Park, grounds maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery, and grounds maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery, respectively.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 07

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance for North Jasper Park.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

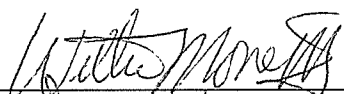
- Frontline Lawncare

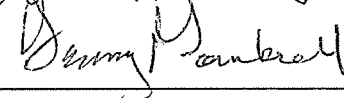
\$450 per cut

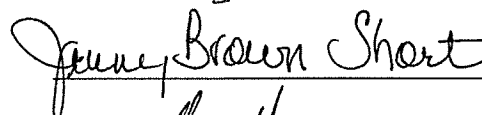
AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

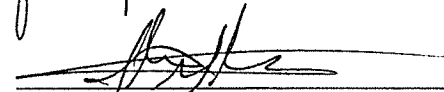
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance for North Jasper Park be renewed for a third year to Frontline Lawn Care in the amount of \$450 per bid.

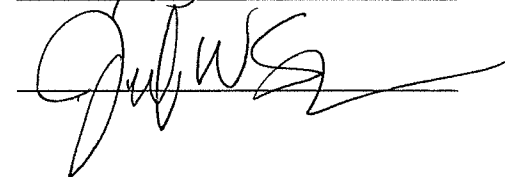
ADOPTED THIS THE 4th **DAY OF** February, 2025.



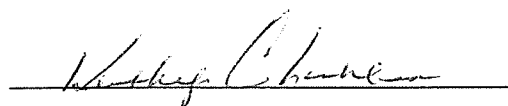








ATTEST:



RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 08

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER**AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL**

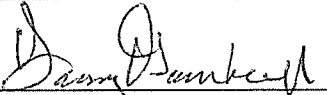
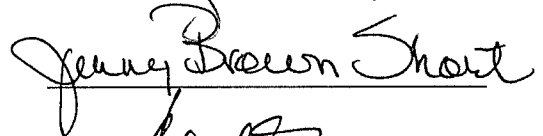
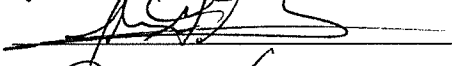
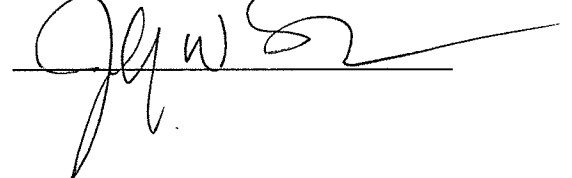
- Premier Lawn Services, LLC

\$700.00

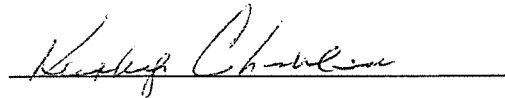
AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance at New Prospect Cemetery be renewed for a third year to Premier Lawn Services, LLC in the amount of \$700 per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 4th **DAY OF** February, 2025.

ATTEST:



RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 09

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has given its permission to send bid invitations for Grounds Maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama has received bids from the below listed in the below listed amounts,

BIDDER

AMOUNT PER SERVICE CALL

- Eddie Noles Lawn Service

\$535.00

AND, WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper is desirous of awarding the bid to the lowest responsible bidder who has met bid specifications,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid for Grounds Maintenance at Gay Reed Cemetery be renewed for a third year under the same terms and pricing to Eddie Noles Lawn Service in the amount of \$535 per bid.

ADOPTED THIS THE 4TH DAY OF February, 2025.

ATTEST:

Kathy Chamberlain

Danny Dambach
Willie Moore
Jenny Brown Short
[Signature]
[Signature]

Consider approval of overnight travel for Police Chief J.C. Poe and Assistant Police Chief Daryl Atkins to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference February 10 – 13, 2025, in Montgomery, AL.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to approve overnight travel for Police Chief J.C. Poe and Assistant Police Chief Daryl Atkins to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference February 10 – 13, 2025, in Montgomery, AL.

Vote

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

Consider an appointment to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board for District Four.

Councilmember Smith nominated Oliver Wright be appointed to fill an unexpired term for District Four.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to close nominations.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Short to appoint Oliver Wright to the Jasper Waterworks & Sewer Board to fill an unexpired term for District Four.

Vote

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

Consider appointments to the Jasper Zoning Board of Adjustment for District Two. Councilmember Gambrell recommended David Mize be appointed to fill an unexpired term for District Two. Mayor Cowen recommended Haig Wright III be appointed as supernumerary to fill an unexpired term.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Smith to close nominations.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to appoint David Mize and Haig Wright III to the Zoning Board of Adjustment to fill unexpired terms for District Two and supernumerary, respectively.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-09.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-09.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2024/2025-10 to provide funds for shelving and HVAC for the library, a BBT truck, worker's compensation, and the Warming Center. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2024/2025-11, by unanimous consent, to provide funds for two used pickup trucks for the fire and building inspection departments.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said budget amendment.

Vote

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

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Short to adopt Budget Amendment #2024/2025-11.

Vote

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

Consider allowing Mayor Cowen to enter into a real estate exchange agreement with Jasper Consulting LLC.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor Cowen to enter into a real estate exchange agreement with Jasper Consulting LLC.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 13**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, the City of Jasper, Alabama is renovating the former Sherer Auditorium to serve as the new City Hall for the City of Jasper, Alabama, which new City Hall shall be located several blocks away from the existing City Hall and City Hall Annex; and

WHEREAS, it is the opinion of the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that it would benefit the City in its governmental operations and would benefit the citizens of the City of Jasper for the City Hall Annex to be located in close proximity to the new City Hall; and

WHEREAS, Jasper Consulting, LLC, owns the building located adjacent to the site of the new City Hall, and has indicated a willingness to swap said building for the existing City Hall Annex building;


BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

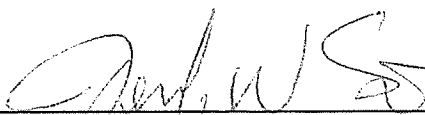
- 1). That the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, does approve and ratify the proposed Agreement for Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Jasper and Jasper Consulting, LLC; and
- 2). That Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and execute the Agreement for Exchange of Real Estate between the City of Jasper and Jasper Consulting, LLC.


WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 4th day of February, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By: 
Hon. Willie Moore, Presiding Officer

By: 
Hon. Danny Gambrell

By: 
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

By: 
Hon. Jenny Brown Short

By: _____
Hon. Josh Gates

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with ALDOT for right-of-way mowing.

Vote

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

(See following page)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 - 10

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama believes that the continued beautification of Al-69, Al-269, Al-118, and Al-5 which run through the city limits is vital to the city's beautification program; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama feels that its beautification goals can be better achieved through control of the mowing along sections Al-69, Al-269, Al-118, and Al-5.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, that Mayor Gary Cowen is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with the Alabama Department of Transportation for cooperative maintenance of public right-of-way, as it relates to Al-69, Al-269, Al-118, and Al-5.

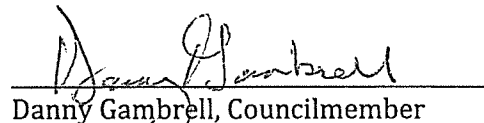
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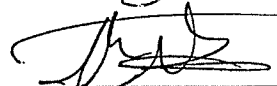
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



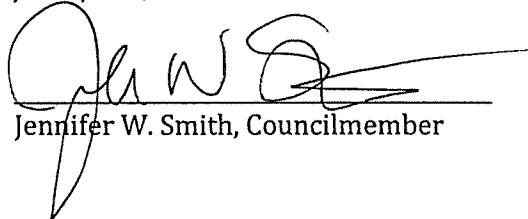
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

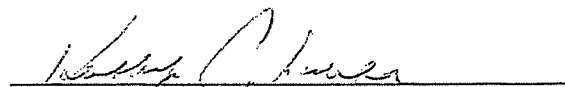


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk
City Council Meeting Minutes 2/4/2025

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Alethia House for \$150,000 in funding to help provide for a treatment facility.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Alethia House for \$150,000 in funding to help provide for a treatment facility.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO: 2025 - 11

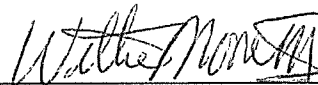
WHEREAS, the Aletheia House, Inc. (AHI) has traditionally provided affordable housing, substance abuse rehabilitation and prevention services, employment services, health care, and other services within Walker County and seeks funds to assist it with the purchase and renovation of a new housing facility located near the City of Jasper; and

WHEREAS, the city agrees to provide funding to AHI for the purchase and/or renovation of the new facility in the amount of \$150,000; and

WHEREAS, AHI agrees to utilize the facility to provide affordable housing, substance abuse rehabilitation and prevention services, employment services, health care, and other services to and/or on behalf of, inter alia, residents and citizens of the City of Jasper.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into an agreement with Aletheia House, Inc. to provide funds for the purchase and/or renovation of their new facility.

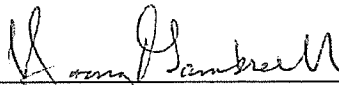
ADOPTED this the 4th day of February 2025.



Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



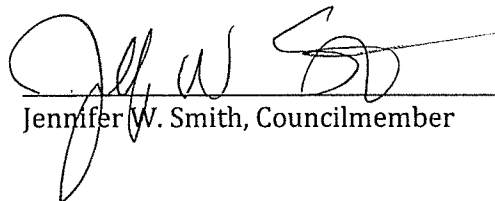
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

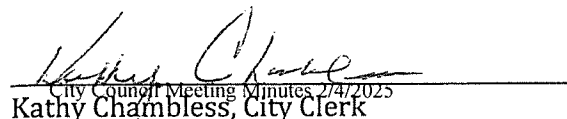


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Agency related to worker's compensation insurance.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Gates, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to enter into an agreement with Higginbotham Insurance Agency related to worker's compensation insurance.

Vote

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

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RESOLUTION NO: 2025 – 12

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, realizes the need for an insurance agency capable of performing certain business insurance services; and

WHEREAS, Higginbotham Insurance provides services such as safety and loss control, claims advocacy, certificate validation, and other similar business insurance services and seeks to provide such services to the City of Jasper; and

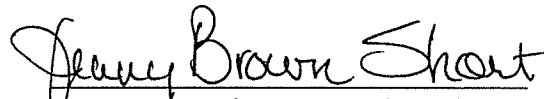
WHEREAS, the City of Jasper and Higginbotham Insurance desire to enter into an agreement under which Higginbotham Insurance shall provide such services as set forth in said agreement in the amount of \$ 40,000.00.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to enter into said agreement with Higginbotham Insurance.

ADOPTED this the 4th day of February 2025.



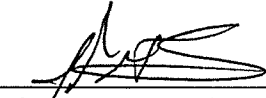
Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer



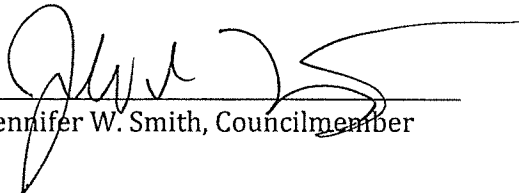
Jenny Brown Short, Councilmember



Danny Gambrell, Councilmember

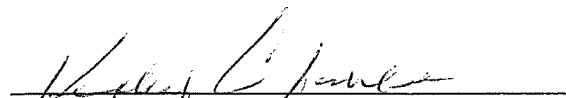


Josh Gates, Councilmember



Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

ATTEST:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement to provide economic development assistance for J&M Properties, LLC. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Short, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to authorize Mayor Cowen to execute an agreement to provide economic development assistance for J&M Properties, LLC.

Vote

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

(See following pages)

RESOLUTION NO.: 2025 – 14**RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA**

WHEREAS, J & M Properties, LLC, proposes to redevelop property within the downtown area of the City of Jasper, Alabama, which development shall include a relocated retail sales facility, as well as one or more new restaurants or retail facilities within the City of Jasper; and

WHEREAS, J & M Properties, LLC, proposes to demolish and existing building and rebuild an expanded building on-site, which expansion and renovation shall result in new employment opportunities for citizens of the City of Jasper and the surrounding area, the utilization of underutilized property within the City, the infill of vacant and potentially blighted property within the City, and other economic benefits for the citizens of the City of Jasper, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, J & M Properties, LLC, has applied to the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, for economic development assistance with the project, including, specifically, waiver of building permit and landfill disposal fees, a sales/use tax exemption certificate for construction materials, and a rebate of a portion of future sales taxes generated by retail activities on the property; and

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, has conducted a hearing at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting, and has determined that the proposed assistance is a valid public purpose and is in the best interests of the citizens of the City of Jasper;

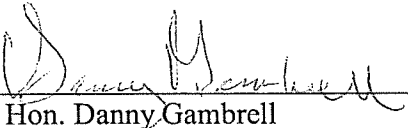
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

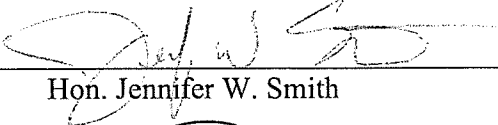
- 1). That the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, does approve of the proposed waiver of permit fees and landfill disposal fees, the issuance of a sales/use tax exemption certificate, and abatement of a portion of future sales taxes generated by retail activities on the property;
- 2). That the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, does approve and ratify the Economic Development Agreement between the City of Jasper and J & M Properties, LLC; and
- 3). That Mayor Gary Cowen is authorized to act on behalf of the City of Jasper, Alabama, and execute the Economic Development Agreement with J & M Properties, LLC, for the waiver of fees, issuance of exemption certificate and abatement of a portion of future sales taxes generated from retail activities on the property.

WHEREUNTO, we have set our hands and seals on this the 4th day of February, 2025.

CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By: Willie Moore
Hon. Willie Moore, Presiding Officer

By: 
Hon. Danny Gambrell

By: 
Hon. Jennifer W. Smith

By: 
Hon. Jenny Brown Short

By: _____
Hon. Josh Gates

Consider setting a public hearing for the consideration of vacating a portion of an unnamed alley located between and parallel to Birmingham Avenue and Corona Avenue, extending from 19th Street to 20th Street.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to set a public hearing for March 18, 2025, for the consideration of vacating a portion of an unnamed alley located between and parallel to Birmingham Avenue and Corona Avenue, extending from 19th Street to 20th Street.

Vote

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

Consider setting a public hearing for the consideration of vacating a portion of an unnamed alley located between and parallel to Sixth Avenue South and Seventh Avenue South, extending from 17th Street to 18th Street.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gates to set a public hearing for March 18, 2025, for the consideration of vacating a portion of an unnamed alley located between and parallel to Sixth Avenue South and Seventh Avenue South, extending from 17th Street to 18th Street.

Vote

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

Introduce an Ordinance levying ad valorem taxes. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular meeting.

Comments: Councilmember Smith congratulated Daphne McCain-Evans on being awarded professional of the year for therapeutic recreation at the Alabama Recreation & Parks Association conference. She also mentioned attending the Liberty Learning kickoff at Memorial Park and thanked the partners involved with the program.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:27 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:



Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:



Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator

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