

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 7, 2020**

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10:03 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen and Jennifer W. Smith, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless and Russell B. Robertson

**Absent:** Mayor David P. O'Mary and Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey

**Invocation:** Brent McCarver, Compliance Officer

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held December 17, 2019 be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider amendments to the agenda.** There were no amendments to the agenda.

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider approval of Event Permits: 1) King Day March, January 20, 2019; 2) Pregnancy Test & Resource Center Candlelight Prayer Service, January 21, 2020.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve Event Permits for King Day March and Pregnancy Resource Center Candlelight Prayer Service.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2019/20-03.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2019/20-03.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Introduce Budget Amendment #2019/20-04 and consider adoption of same by Unanimous Consent for emergency funding to replace the HVAC unit at the Cemetery office.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, 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 V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Budget Amendment #2019/2020-04.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider accepting \$20,000 in grant funds from the Community Foundation’s Don Drummond Family Fund to purchase a transport vehicle for the Animal Shelter.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to accept \$20,000 in grant funds from the Community Foundation’s Don Drummond Family Fund to purchase a transport vehicle for the Animal Shelter.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider approval to install street lights at 1000 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eagles Point Park, and 3000 Simmons Road.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve installation of street lights at 1000 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Eagles Point Park, and 3000 Simmons Road.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider approval of travel for Park personnel attending the Annual ARPA Conference in Mobile on January 26-29, 2020.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve travel for Park personnel to attend the Annual ARPA Conference in Mobile on January 26-29, 2020.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider a request to waive the rental fee for use of the Natatorium Community Room by UAB to conduct an informative program for cancer awareness.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to waive the rental fee for use of the Natatorium Community Room by UAB to conduct an informative program for cancer awareness.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of Grass and Weeds.** A Public Hearing was conducted wherein no one spoke concerning the cost to be set for cutting grass and weeds.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of grass and weeds.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Introduce an Ordinance annexing a .9 acre +/- parcel of land located at 2804 North Walston Bridge Road.** The Ordinance was introduced by the city planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 13<sup>th</sup> Street.** The Ordinance was introduced by the city clerk on behalf of the mayor and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Introduce an Ordinance to place a 3-way stop at the intersection of 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Park Avenue.**  
The Ordinance was introduced by the city clerk on behalf of the mayor and will be considered at the next council meeting.

**Consider adoption of an Ordinance to provide a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Telepak Networks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to provide a Non-Exclusive Franchise Agreement with Telepak Networks, Inc. d/b/a C Spire.

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

**Comments:**

Mayor O'Mary was not present at the meeting.

The Councilmembers offered no additional comments.

Mr. Gene Hyché thanked the council for their approval to have a street light installed at the entrance of Eagles Point Park. He commended the Police Department for their efforts in closing and monitoring the park after dark. He also expressed his desire for police personnel to issue citations for anyone at the park after closing.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember V. L. "Sonny" Posey	Absent
Councilmember Danny Gambrell	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III	Yes

10:21 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

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Willie Moore, III, Presiding Officer

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Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator