

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 19, 2021**

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

Present: Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell, Councilmembers Jed Daniel, Gary Cowen, and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and Russell B. Robertson, City Attorney

Absent: Willie Moore, III

Invocation: Police Captain Justin Tidwell

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Captain David Mize

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 12, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider amendments to the agenda. No amendments were made to the agenda.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider approval of travel for police personnel to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference in Montgomery, AL, February 15-18, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to approve travel for police personnel to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference in Montgomery, AL, February 15-18, 2021.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request to accept \$1,000 donated by Walmart to the Police Department.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to accept \$1,000 donated by Walmart to the Police Department.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider a request for permission to renew the contract for Grease, Oil, and Lubricant at the same terms and pricing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to renew the contract for Grease, Oil, and Lubricant at the same terms and pricing.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of Budget Amendment #2020/21-04.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Daniel, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt Budget Amendment #2020/21-04.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement. A public hearing was conducted during which no comments from the public were made, after which three motions were considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for removal of an unsafe structure at Hwy 69 S and 21st Ave SW (Evelyn Swindle).

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for removal of an unsafe structure at 406 8th Place NW (Larry & Judy Parnell).

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for removal of an unsafe structure at 804 15th Ave (Penwell L. Wood Jr).

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of a Resolution for nuisance abatement of unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of unsafe structures.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Introduce an Ordinance rezoning a 63 acre +- parcel(s) of land located on the West side of 20th Avenue East between 1700 and 2100 block from the AG (Agricultural) Zoning District to the R-4 (Urban Dwelling) Zoning District for the purpose of constructing single family residences and family homes in District One. The Ordinance was introduced by the City Planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance rezoning a 3.8 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at 1400 19th Street West from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a clinic. After a public hearing was conducted during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance rezoning a 3.8 acre +- parcel(s) of land located at 1400 19th Street West from the R-2 (Single Family Residential) Zoning District to the B-1 (Neighborhood Business) Zoning District for the purpose of operating a clinic.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Consider adoption of an Ordinance, by unanimous consent, to place a 4-way stop at 25th Street (Crutchfield Blvd.) and Delaware Avenue and 25th Street (Crutchfield Blvd.) and Florida Avenue.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel that the rules be suspended and unanimous consent be given for immediate consideration of and action on said Ordinance.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Daniel to adopt an Ordinance to place a 4-way stop at 25th Street (Crutchfield Blvd.) and Delaware Avenue and 25th Street (Crutchfield Blvd.) and Florida Avenue.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

Comments:

Mayor O'Mary called on the council to, in their own time and in their own way, offer up a prayer for peace and civility in this country.

Councilmember Daniel spoke about Eagles Point Park, saying he appreciates what the police department has done, but neighbors near the park have asked him what will be done about their concerns. There was a discussion among councilmembers about possibly removing the small parking lot between the gate and the road, or moving the gate closer to the road. Chief Poe noted that to this point due to complaints a gate has been installed, lights have been installed, and Jasper police officers have investigated/patrolled as necessary.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Yes
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Absent
Presiding Officer Danny Gambrell	Yes

10:23 a.m. - Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

Danny Gambrell, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator