

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 20, 2026**

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10:00 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 121 17<sup>th</sup> Street West, Jasper.

**Present:** Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short, Councilmembers Lincoln Moody, Sam Watts, Jennifer W. Smith, and Willie Moore III, Mayor Josh Gates, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, City Attorney Russ Robertson

**Absent:**

**Invocation:** Police Chief J.C. Poe

**Pledge of Allegiance:** Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker

**Approval of Minutes:**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 6, 2026, be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

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

**Consider approval of the agenda.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Moody that the agenda be approved.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Absent
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

*Councilmember Willie Moore III arrived at 10:03 a.m.*

**Consider approval of overnight travel for Police Chief J.C. Poe and Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference February 16-19, 2026, in Montgomery, AL.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to approve overnight travel for Police Chief J.C. Poe and Assistant Police Chief Paul Tucker to attend the Alabama Association of Chiefs of Police Winter Conference February 16-19, 2026, in Montgomery, AL.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider approval of event permits for the following: Johnathan Boley Memorial Ride requested by Kaleb Dunn to be held at Old Souls Trading Company with a temporary blockage on Martin Luther King Jr Drive from Hwy 69 to Hwy 269 and on January 24, 2026; and Cruising on the Square requested by Central Alabama Rodders Society on the first Saturday in April, May, June, July, August, and on October 17, 2026, 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 October car show.** Chief Poe asked about circumstances related to the Memorial Ride and possible severe weather conditions. The Council agreed that approval of the event permit would also apply to the Memorial Ride if it were rescheduled. City Attorney Robertson noted that Chief Poe retains the authority to revoke the permit or any involvement the city may have if the event is not postponed despite unsafe weather conditions.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moody to approve event permits for the Johnathan Boley Memorial Ride and Cruising on the Square.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider a request for permission to send bids for tree removal service and sports officials.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Moody to allow the Purchasing Agent to send bids for tree removal service and sports officials for basketball, softball, baseball, and volleyball.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board (District Four) to fill an unexpired term.** Councilmember Smith nominated Haig Wright. After no other nominations were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Watts to appoint Haig Wright to the Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board for District Four to fill an unexpired term.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider an appointment to the Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board for District Two.**

Councilmember Moody nominated Chris Maddox. After no other nominations were made, a motion was considered.

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Moody to close nominations.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Smith to appoint Chris Maddox to the Jasper Water Works & Sewer Board for District Two to fill an unexpired term.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider adoption of a resolution for nuisance abatement for inoperable vehicles.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Watts, seconded by Councilmember Moody to adopt a resolution for nuisance abatement for inoperable vehicles.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following page)

**RESOLUTION NO: 2026 - 03**

**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds a nuisance for inoperable vehicles exists at:

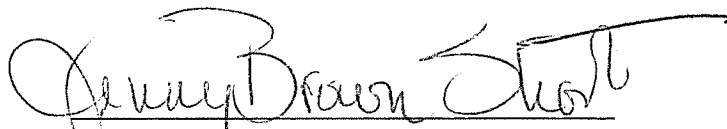
1. Parcel # 64-17-05-16-4-401-020.000 E 26th St, Terry L & Angela E Hill, District 5
2. 2809 Delaware Ave, William Glenn & Sharon Faye Hill, District 5
3. 808 Hillsdale Rd, James A Schneible, District 3
4. 903 Robinson St, Sandra Skinner, District 1
5. 3604 Lenwood Circle, David Joseph & Rhonda Darlene Miller, District 2
6. 1208 22nd St W, Tomasa Mejia Perez, District 5
7. 305 Crest Cir S, Terry Dewayne & Wilburn T Self, District 1
8. 609 14th Ave NE, Megan N Boyd & John A Kelley, District 1
9. 1205 3rd Ave, Cindy Lee Kimbrell & Joseph Cohen Welborn, District 1

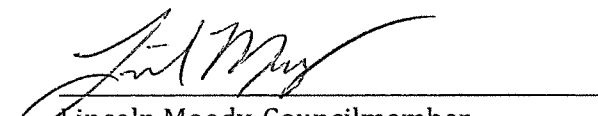
pursuant to ORD. 2001-718-A; and

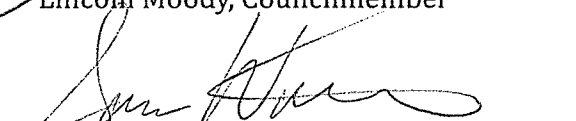
**WHEREAS**, the Jasper City Council finds that the abatement of said nuisances should be taken.

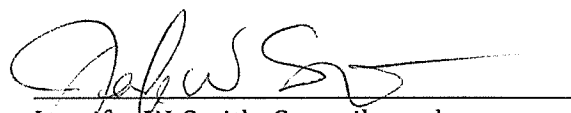
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Jasper City Council hereby approves the abatement of said nuisances.

**DONE and ADOPTED** this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January 2026.

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer


  
Lincoln Moody, Councilmember

  
Sam Watts, Councilmember

  
Jennifer W. Smith, Councilmember

  
Willie Moore III, Councilmember

**ATTEST:**

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk

**Consider approving a modification of a liquor license application that was approved December 16, 2025, by the council for a Retail Liquor Class II (Package) license for off premise consumption for Jasper Liquor to reflect the correct address of 1395 and 1399 Arkadelphia Road, which was previously presented as 1385 Arkadelphia Road, Suite A.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Watts to approve a modification for a Retail Liquor Class II (Package) license for off premise consumption for Jasper Liquor.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

**Consider authorizing Mayor Gates to engage in negotiations for the purchase of property located at 1) Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East for renovation and development of a new animal shelter; and 2) 10<sup>th</sup> Street West adjacent to Memorial Park (two parcels).**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor Gates to engage in negotiations for the purchase of property located at 1) Birmingham Avenue and 23rd Street East for renovation and development of a new animal shelter; and 2) 10th Street West adjacent to Memorial Park (two parcels).

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Abstain

**Conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of ordinance rezoning a .20 acre+- parcel of land located at 701 27th St W, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-05-16-3-000-110.000) from the R-2 (Single Family Residence) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for purpose of placing a manufactured home located in district five. After a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.**

**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Moody, seconded by Councilmember Watts to adopt an ordinance rezoning a .20 acre+- parcel of land located at 701 27th St W, Jasper, AL (Parcel # 64-17-05-16-3-000-110.000) from the R-2 (Single Family Residence) Zoning District to the R-3 (Affordable Housing) Zoning District for purpose of placing a manufactured home located in district five.

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

(See following pages)

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF JASPER, ALABAMA  
Ordinance No. 2026 – 01  
TO AMEND THE CITY OF JASPER ZONING ORDINANCE

Be it hereby Ordained by the City Council of the City of Jasper, Alabama, as follows:

Section 1. That the Jasper Zoning Map as described in Article II, Sections 30-32, of the Jasper Zoning Ordinance, which was adopted by the City Council of the City of Jasper on or about January 2, 1990, and amended, inter alia, and further amended April 1, 2003, be and is hereby amended by the rezoning or redistricting of the parcel(s) of land hereinafter described so as to change such parcel(s) from one class or district to another class or district, to wit:

From R-2 (Single Family Residence District) to R-3 (Affordable Housing District)  
Zoning District.

Section 2. Said parcel is described as follows:

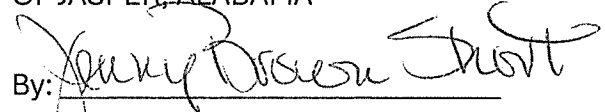
PT LOT 1 BLK 7 BEG NE COR SAID LT TH W ON N LINE SAID LOT & S ROW 27TH ST 51.04 TH S 172.5 TO S LINE SAID LT TH E ON SAID S LINE 51.23 TO E LINE SAID LOT & W ROW BURTON AVE TH N ON SAID E LINE & SAID W ROW 175.35 TO POB WALKER HIGHLANDS SUB PLAT 2/20 JAS.

Describes a parcel of land located at 701 27<sup>th</sup> St W. Parcel #64-17-05-16-3-000-110.000.

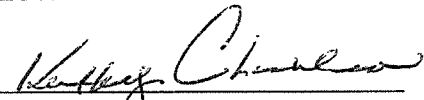
Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication in the manner required by law.

ADOPTED this the 20<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2026.

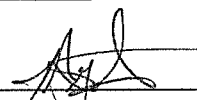
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF JASPER, ALABAMA

By:   
Hon. Jenny Brown Short  
Presiding Officer

ATTEST:

By:   
Hon. Kathy Chambless  
City Clerk

APPROVED/VETO

By:   
Hon. Josh Gates  
Mayor

**Comments:** City Planner Brent McCarver introduced Brandon Pittman, the newest employee for the Street Department/Public Works.

Mayor Gates welcomed Brandon Pittman. He urged everyone to exercise caution considering the potentially hazardous weather forecasted for the weekend. He also noted that the strategic plan is being finalized and that, to gather public input, an online survey will be shared on Wednesday, January 28.

**Consider adjournment of the meeting.**

**Motion**

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

**Vote**

Councilmember Lincoln Moody	Yes
Councilmember Sam Watts	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Yes
Councilmember Willie Moore III	Yes
Presiding Officer Jenny Brown Short	Yes

10:21 a.m. – Meeting adjourned.

A P P R O V E D:

  
Jenny Brown Short, Presiding Officer

A T T E S T:

  
Kathy Chambless, City Clerk/Administrator