

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD JANUARY 21, 2020**

10:02 a.m. - The meeting was called to order by Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 400 19th Street West, Jasper.

Present: Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III, Councilmembers, Danny Gambrell, Gary Cowen and Jennifer W. Smith, Mayor David P. O’Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless and Russell B. Robertson

Absent: Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey

Invocation: Rev. David Miller

Pledge of Allegiance: Keith Pike, City Planner

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the Regular Meeting held January 7, 2020 be approved.

Vote

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| 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. The Agenda was amended to add one item: Consider granting permission for Mayor O’Mary to sign a letter to approve a right-of-way extension for Medical Center Drive.

Consider approval of the agenda.

Motion

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

Vote

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| Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey | Absent |
| Councilmember Danny Gambrell | Yes |
| Councilmember Gary Cowen | Yes |

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| Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith | Yes |
| Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III | Yes |

Recognize American History Class from Jasper High School. The class was not present at the meeting.

Consider approval of Event Permits: 1) SIAC Tournament Team Welcome Event, March 11, 2020; 2) Walker Baptist Association “County Wide Prayer” Event, April 5, 2020; Jasper High School Track & Field “Tooth Trot”, April 9, 2020.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to approve Event Permits for SIAC Tournament Team Welcome Event, Walker Baptist Association “County Wide Prayer” Event, and Jasper High School Track & Field “Tooth Trot”.

Vote

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| 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 #2019/20-05. The Budget Amendment was introduced by the city clerk.

Consider a request for permission to renew the following contracts under the same terms and pricing:

- Animal Adoption and Animal Pound Service-- Humane Society of Greater Birmingham**
- Inmate Food ---Son’s Supermarket**
- Concrete Pipe---Harvey Culvert**
- Fuel Service---Petroleum Traders**

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to adopt Resolutions to renew contracts under the same terms and pricing for Animal Adoption and Animal Pound Service, Inmate Food, and Fuel Services, and to table the contract for Concrete Pipe.

Vote

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| 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 for permission to send bid invitations for the following: On-Call Concrete Service, Pool Chemicals, Asphalt Cold Mix, Portable Toilets, and Uniform Service.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to give permission to send bid invitations for On-Call Concrete Service, Pool Chemicals, Asphalt Cold Mix, Portable Toilets, and Uniform Service.

Vote

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| 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 approving, by unanimous consent, the purchase of a street sweeper under the Sourcewell Contract 081716-NAF.

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 Purchase.

Vote

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| 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 approve the purchase of a street sweeper under the Sourcewell Contract 081716-NAF.

Vote

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| 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 Municipal Court personnel training.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to approve budget travel for Municipal Court personnel training.

Vote

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| 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 enter into an agreement with Alabama Department of Transportation for right-of-way mowing.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve budget travel for Municipal Court personnel training.

Vote

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| 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 |

Conduct a Public Hearing and consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures. The City Clerk informed the Council that the owner of the property at 1710 8th Street NW had paid all fees prior to the meeting. Mr. Greg Langley was recognized during the Public Hearing to dispute the charges for removal of an unsafe structure at 1100 21st Street West. He indicated he had not been properly notified of the abatement cost. Upon the advice of the City Attorney, this property was tabled. No other property owners were present at the meeting.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Gambrell to table setting cost for Nuisance Abatement of the Unsafe Structure located at 1100 21st Street West.

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| 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 Smith to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement of Unsafe Structures.

Vote

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| 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 Resolutions for Nuisance Abatement of an Inoperative Vehicle and Grass & Weeds.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of an Inoperative Vehicle.

Vote

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| 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 Smith to adopt a Resolution for Nuisance Abatement of Grass and Weeds.

Vote

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| 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 an Ordinance annexing a .9 acre +/- parcel of land located at 2804 North Walston Bridge Road.**Motion**

Moved by Councilmember Gambrell, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance annexing a .9 acre +/- parcel of land located at 2804 North Walston Bridge Road.

Vote

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| 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 to amend the Model Flood Damage Prevention Ordinance. The Ordinance was introduced by the city planner and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider adoption of an Ordinance to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 6th Avenue and 13th Street.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 6th Avenue and 13th Street.

Vote

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| 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 an Ordinance to place a 3-way stop at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Park Avenue.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Smith, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt an Ordinance to place a 4-way stop at the intersection of 6th Avenue and Park Avenue.

Vote

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| 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 levying Ad Valorem Taxes. The Ordinance was introduced by the city clerk and will be considered at the next council meeting.

Consider granting permission for Mayor O’Mary to sign a letter to approve a right-of-way extension for Medical Center Drive.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Smith to grant permission for Mayor O’Mary to sign a letter to approve a right-of-way extension for Medical Center Drive.

Vote

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| 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 spoke concerning the loss of Dr. David Rowland who passed away December 23, 2019. He shared that Dr. Rowland was one of Jasper’s greatest contributors in making Jasper a better city. He read from an article by Jennifer Cohron of the *Daily Mountain Eagle*. She wrote, “Rowland said the only negative he could think of concerning Jasper is the community does not realize how special it is compared to others across the country. ‘If I see any community shortcoming here, it is that the people of Jasper don’t really realize how good they are and what a good place this is to live. This is a safe place with good schools. It is a cooperative community. They (residents) apparently think every community is that way, and that is not the case.’” Dr. Rowland will be greatly missed.

Councilmember Smith commented concerning the Martin Luther King, Jr. March she attended and the presence of female police officers. She further commented about the need for diversity on the City’s Civil Service Board and Municipal Boards. Councilmember Smith also commented concerning the need for pay adjustment for Councilmembers.

Presiding Officer Moore expressed his thanks to everyone who participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Day activities in Jasper.

Consider rotation of Presiding Officer. This item was tabled.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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| Councilmember V. L. “Sonny” Posey | Absent |
| Councilmember Danny Gambrell | Yes |
| Councilmember Gary Cowen | Yes |

Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith
Presiding Officer Willie Moore, III

Yes
Yes

10:35 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