

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
JASPER, ALABAMA, HELD FEBRUARY 2, 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 Gary Cowen, and Willie Moore, III, Mayor David P. O'Mary, City Clerk/Administrator Kathy Chambless, and Jud Allen Esq.

Absent: Councilmembers Jed Daniel and Jennifer W. Smith, City Attorney Russ Robertson

Invocation: City Planner Keith Pike

Pledge of Allegiance: Police Chief J.C. Poe

Approval of Minutes:

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen that the minutes of the regular meeting held January 19, 2021, be approved.

Vote

Councilmember Jed Daniel	Absent
Councilmember Gary Cowen	Yes
Councilmember Jennifer W. Smith	Absent
Councilmember Willie Moore, III	Yes
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 Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore that the agenda be approved.

Vote

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

Consider approval of travel for Councilmember Smith to attend the League of Municipalities Advocacy Day in Montgomery, AL, February 9, 2021.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve travel for Councilmember Smith to attend the League of Municipalities Advocacy Day in Montgomery, AL, February 9, 2021.

Vote

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

Introduce Budget Amendment #2020/2021-5 related to employment changes. The budget amendment was introduced by the City Clerk and will be considered at the next regular council meeting.

Receive report on financing for the Garbage Truck and Fire Truck.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to accept the report of the Purchasing Agent to award the contract to Pinnacle Bank for financing for the Garbage Truck and Fire Truck.

Vote

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

Consider a request to send bid invitations for Wheeled Refused Carts (Garbage Cans).

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to approve the request to send bid invitations for Wheeled Refused Carts (Garbage Cans).

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to declare ten (10) 6ft by 9 ft gray kennel panels as unneeded surplus property.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to adopt a Resolution to declare ten (10) 6ft by 9ft gray kennel panels as unneeded surplus property.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Gillespie Construction for the Jasper High School Athletic Facility Flooding Remediation Project to be wholly reimbursed by the Jasper City Board of Education.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to allow Mayor O’Mary to enter into an agreement with Gillespie Construction for the Jasper High School Athletic Facility Flooding Remediation Project to be wholly reimbursed by the Jasper City Board of Education.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement. Following a public hearing during which no comments were made, a motion was considered.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Moore, seconded by Councilmember Cowen to adopt a Resolution to set cost for Nuisance Abatement for removal of an unsafe structure.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of a Resolution to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with various property owners to remove unsafe structures.

Motion

Moved by Councilmember Cowen, seconded by Councilmember Moore to authorize Mayor O'Mary to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with various property owners to remove unsafe structures.

Vote

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

Consider adoption of 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. A public hearing was held during which several people spoke. Danny Taylor lives in the area and commented that no one is happy about the proposed subdivision because there have been no details released regarding plans. James Nelson lives on 18th Street and commented that if building commences, he would like a privacy fence built between his property and the new housing. He also requested a "dead end" stop sign and a place for the garbage truck to turn around on 18th Street. Councilmember Moore said he would like to see some type of buffer or privacy fence considered since nearby residents are asking for it. Norris, the builder, commented that the plans for housing will be similar to the Blackwell Meadows subdivision – 60-foot lots, affordable, single-family dwellings. There is no privacy fence in the plans; however, there are plans to leave a 50-foot strip of trees between the road and new housing as a buffer. Danny Taylor addressed the council again, asking about traffic lights and possible road widening to which City Engineer Joe Matthews replied that the width of the road would be evaluated if/when development is approved as well as the need for a traffic signal. Presiding Officer Gambrell spoke to the importance of both the zoning commission and the District 1 councilmember approving it. A motion was then considered.

Motion

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Vote

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

Comments:

Mayor O’Mary spoke about two useful tools that are provided to the council - the financial report and the Alabama League of Municipalities magazine, which includes a “Legal View” section written by general counsel of the League. He urged the council to utilize these tools that are made available every month with information that is pertinent to running the city.

Consider adjournment of the meeting.

Motion

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

Vote

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

10:35 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